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Young giant new Roo



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By
LAURIE SCHWAB

Aki Kotzamichalis, who rivals Alex Marshall as one of the biggest soccer players Australia has had, will play in the national team that defends the Merlion Cup in Singapore from October 14 to 28.

Kotzamichalis, 18, is 6ft. 5 ins. tall and weighs 16 stone (100 kg). He plays as sweeper for his club, Springvale City, which has won the championship of the Victorian Metropolitan League First Division.

It is the first time a Metropolitan League player has been chosen to represent Australia at this level.

Marshall, who played for Polonia, Richmond and Moreland, claimed after consulting the Guinness Book of Records, to be the biggest player in the world. He too weighed 16 stone, but he was an inch taller than Kotzamichalis.

Marshall, now in Poland, played against Kotzamichalis a few times when Kotzamichalis was younger. "I wasn't as tall then, but I remember that Alex towered above everyone," Kotzamichalis said.

The big defender readily admits that opponents are frightened just by looking at him. "My size puts them off, and of course it's an advantage. They don't like to tangle with me," he says.

He started with the South Melbourne Hellas juniors, but moved to Port Melbourne as

an under-11 player, and remained there in the company of Mike Petersen (Heidelberg, Alexander) and Andrew Zinni (Juventus) up to senior level, winning three league titles and a runners-up medal, before switching to Springvale where he has been in the senior team for two years.

During that time he represented Victoria at under 13 (twice), under 14, 15 and 16 levels and was in the State youth team that won the past two national championships.

Apart from his obvious physical qualities, Kotzamichalis also reads the game well and distributes the ball skilfully. His height has enabled him to score five goals from corners for Springvale this season.

He rates former Australian international Hans Petersen as the best coach he has had. "At Port Melbourne, Mr. Petersen taught me discipline and developed my skill. When I was young, I used to just boot the ball up the field, but Mr. Petersen encouraged me to push it around. Tim White, the Victorian State coach, also helped me a lot, as did another former State junior coach, Ian Petherick, and also Ian Greener, who's coach of Springvale."

Kotzamichalis, a first-year accountancy student at Prahran College, hopes to join a National League club. He follows Hellas, but says he would join any club at which he felt comfortable.

He was quick to praise his former Springvale team-mate, goalkeeper Mirko Runje, now with the A.I.S., who is on standby for the Merlion Cup squad.

"He's the best goalkeeper in Australia at youth level. He's got total control of his area, he's a big boy at 6ft. 2ins., and he's solid as well," Kotzamichalis said.

The squad which goes to Singapore next month will be led by national youth coach Jim Shaulder, who picked the players in conjunction with Socceroo supreme Frank Arok.

Five standby players have been named in case others are unable to make the Singapore trip. Those whose clubs reach the National League finals won't be able to go because the finals are at the same time as the Merlion Cup.

Shoulder has named 11 members of the national youth squad preparing for the World Youth Championships qualifying series in February.

The six senior players in the Merlion Cup selection also are in the running for the Socceroo world tour in November-December. In fact, it appears Arok wanted them included to make sure they remain active before that tour, should their clubs fail to reach the NSL finals.

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Richard Miranda of Juventus

Miranda's just like Richards

Richard Miranda of Brunswick-Juventus has everything it takes to develop into Australia's new Ray Richards.

Richards, who played for Marconi, APIA, Sydney Croatia, Hollandia (Qld) and Latrobe (Vic), still is remembered as the man with the long throw.

He was able to throw the ball from the touchline to the far post — an invaluable asset to the Socceroo for whom he played 60 games and scored 10 goals.

Miranda, like Richards, is a defensive midfielder and he can throw the ball almost as far.

But his career has been hampered by a "tough man" tag hung on him by opposing fans, who treat him with hostility.

In a recent game against Heidelberg-Alexander, which Juventus won 5-1, he was sent off after his second caution, and the fans reacted angrily to a gesture he says was no more than a victory sign.

He certainly doesn't deserve such treatment, for he's one of the best value-

for-money players in the NSL.

He goes in hard, sure — but he doesn't foul. He never stops competing and he scores goals as well. It's just like describing the Richards of old. All Miranda needs is that Zapata moustache.

His record certainly doesn't indicate that he's a hit-man.

He started with Wits University in South Africa, where he was born. From there he went to England for a trial with Charlton Athletic but was unable to take up a two-year contract because he was unable to get a British work permit.

So he decided to come to Australia instead, to join Preston Macedonia. From there he switched to Box Hill, where he had a successful 1983 season in the Victorian State League. Neither at Macedonia nor at Box Hill was he sent off, and while playing for Australia B in the international tournament this year, he found himself on the receiving end of some harsh treatment by defender George Orfanidis of Iraklis whose tackle in Brisbane put Miranda into plaster for eight weeks.

"It's a pity the crowds have taken a set against me," Miranda said this week, after being selected to the national squad that will defend the Merlion Cup in Singapore next month.

"I seem to be a marked man at the moment, yet all I'm trying to do is play the game as best I can. I apologise to the Heidelberg fans who misinterpreted my gesture last Sunday week, and I praise the referee for holding up play until I left the ground, otherwise there may have been more trouble."



The great
Ray Richards

— LAURIE SCHWAB

HOW FORCES OF BIGOTRY DRIVE AWAY SOCCER'S SUPPORTERS

Bigotry long has been one of the major forces working against soccer. The editorial in a recent Melita Eagles match programme hit out at some of the facets of that bigotry. We reprint it in full:

WHAT is the real cause of the disappearing thousands from the soccer terraces this season? Most causes have been debated. We hit rock-bottom at the Melita Stadium against Wollongong Wolves. It is being predicted that our first year in the NSL would attract less spectators at our home stadium than our previous years in the State League.

Soccer in Australia has finally lost its credibility with its natural base. It took many years of negative and destructive journalism. It took an orchestrated and sustained attack against those people paying at the gate. In many direct and indirect ways they were told that

they are not welcome because they were loud and noisy; they abuse the referee, they take the soccer too seriously, they look different and cannot speak "the English".

"Australian Soccer Weekly", the paper that should know better, as late as the issue of August 27, called us Europeans with bad habits or of ethnic background. Incredibly they also stated that spectators who follow Rugby League, Rules and Union are essentially Australian. These spectators don't climb the fence to attack referees or players — or if they do, it is a most rare occurrence.

Categorising in this manner has harmed soccer no end. It has pigeon-holed soccer in this country as the unruly game watched by those foreigners. This has never been true, then nor now. Only a week ago in Bourke, NSW, a football brawl resulted in 23 charges being laid and police arriving wearing helmets and protective clothing. Six children were also affected with noxious chemical. November 1982, Australian fast bowler Terry Alderman was attacked by a spectator in Test cricket in Perth. January 1983, 64 people were

detained for drunkenness when fights broke out on the Hill and Lane Cairns was pelted with beer cans during the one-day cricket match. Hooliganism and the Hill at the SCG have become synonymous. In Britain, spectator violence often takes the form of gang warfare. We could continue to give examples.

It goes to prove that the continuous bashing of migrants has finally come home to roost. We are in no way condoning violence or hooliganism but for goodness sake, stop branding migrants at soccer as violent or more aggressive than your normal present-day crowd at any other sports.

This kind of divisiveness has characterised soccer in Australia, fanned vigorously by those untouched by the imposition of having to change their name or having to add to it to gain admission to the NSL. Well you all had your day. The period of riding on our back could be over, or is it? Maybe the last episode is still to be written. Maybe your average district club, more concerned with the poker machines than with getting people back on the terraces will keep changing the format of the NSL until they have us all watching the oval ball.



Derek Todd and the National Cup.

By LAURIE SCHWAB

MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD 1 (Todd 29th). National Cup final at Olympic Park, Wednesday night. Crowdabout 4,000. Cautions: Boogard (NR). Referee: Steart Mellings (Vic) 9.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Banovic 8 - Deankovic 7, Lewis 86th, Curcio 8, Parton 6, Hannah 7 - Biskic 6, Antolovic 6 (Campbell 6 half time), Brogan 7, Cummings 8 - Markovic 7, Gojevic 7. Coach: Tony Vrzina.

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD: Gosling 9 - Maier 8, Owens 8, Boogard 8, Thompson 8 - McQuarrie 8, Senkalski 7, Brandt 9 - Milosevic 7 (inj. sub Allen 83rd), Todd 10, Jones 7. Coach: Willie Gallagher.

The paupers of Newcastle turned into princes in winning the National Cup against all odds — thanks largely to little striker Derek Todd who now heads back to England to be married.

Todd scored the winning goal, offered himself for every ball, always got the position in his battle with Shaun Parton, turned with lightning speed after trapping it and earned a 10 rating by being an ever-reliable avenue to goal.

These Newcastle players aren't even receiving match payments, so their triumph ranks as probably the most remarkable in the history of the Cup competition.

Because of the club's limited finances, the players agreed to an end-of-season payment in lieu of match payments.

Croatia coach Tony Vrzina reorganised his line-up quite dramatically. David Brogan and Tommy Cumming, who both had played as strikers against Hellas in their previous match, started in midfield, with Steve Gojevic and Robert Markovic replacing them up front. Josip Biskic was back after injury — but nowhere near his best — and so Peter Lewis and Jim Campbell, bought for a total of \$36,000 early this year, were on the bench.

Gojevic and Markovic battled away dutifully up front, but one couldn't help feeling that Brogan should have been pushed forward during the second half.

Todd's off after bringing Cup to Newcastle



Newcastle-Rosebud, from left, standing: Neil Owens, John McQuarrie, John Boogard, David Jones, Steve Allen, Bernard Kerby. Front: Simon Brandt, Derek Todd, Andy Thompson, Clint Gosling, Ralph Maier, Joe Senkalski, Dean Milosevic. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

where more physical vigor was needed to unsettle Newcastle's powerful centre backs, Neil Owens and Michael Boogard. Having praised Todd, we must also pay tribute to Newcastle's goalkeeper Clint Gosling who was sharp as a scalpel and surely deserves to be included in the New Zealand national squad for its world tour. Similarly, Simon Brandt should have been chosen at least for Australia's Merlion Cup squad. He was quite sensational in midfield — and let's remember that he also can play as striker.

Tommy Cumming made a difference to the attack when he stationed himself mainly on the left wing during the second half, but by then Croatia had wasted its best scoring chances.

Ralph Maier made a potentially disastrous mistake in the 35th minute when he played a back-pass which was intercepted by Brogan whose shot however, hit the bottom of the post. It bounced to Gojevic who looked set to score but Andy Thompson, who had a fine game at left back, dispossessed him with a timely tackle.

Gojevic had probably the best chance of the match in the 44th minute. Cumming won the ball on the left and squared it to Gojevic, unmarked in the middle, but instead of burying it, Gojevic shot past the post.

Newcastle was leading 1-0 and had been since the 29th minute. Eluding tackles inside the box, Todd fired a shot which was blocked by goalkeeper Yanka Banovic. The ball however, rebounded back to Todd who struck it into the empty net, with Banovic still down.

Banovic did, however, make a series of good saves — the first in the 11th minute when he deflected one-handed a shot by John McQuarrie who had burst through on a one-two with Todd.

Seconds after half time, Banovic managed to get his body in the way of a shot by Todd who had wriggled into a shooting position with commendable skill and sharpness, and near the end, Banovic flew to palm a free kick from Joe Senkalski over the bar.

Newcastle's sharp, accurate midfield play was delightful to watch. Nothing was wasted and in addition to playing the ball forward purposefully, the Newcastle midfielders also close down lightning-quick and in the second half particularly, were of invaluable help to their defenders.

Gosling made a fine save to deny Gojevic a goal in the 22nd minute, just before Todd scored, and in the 46th minute Gojevic's attacking partner Markovic, shot just past the post in a dangerous Croatia counter-attack.

Jim Campbell replaced Jojo Antolovic at half time but it didn't make any difference. Peter Lewis came on for Drago Deankovic with a few minutes left — probably because Vrzina wanted to give every one at least a taste of playing in a final.

When Croatia pushed forward in numbers during the second half, it did create quite a few chances. One of the best was started by Gojevic, who got past opponents on a good run before crossing to Markovic who was unmarked in the box. His header, however, went straight to Gosling.

A long low shot by Brandt caught Banovic at the wrong post, but the goalkeeper showed good reflexes in changing position and diving at the ball on the other side.

A cross from Cumming set up Markovic for a shot in the 75th minute but the indomitable Boogard threw his body in the way to foil Croatia yet again.

Newcastle was playing on the break in the second half, and when Dean Milosevic broke away, another goal seemed imminent. Tony Curcio however, closed Milosevic down quickly and somehow managed to get his heel in the way as Milosevic tried to play the ball past Curcio.

It was the fourth time that a Victorian team had reached the final only to be beaten. Heidelberg suffered that misfortune the previous three times, being beaten by Marcon in 1980, APIA in 1982 and Sydney Olympic in 1983.

Brogan was the top scorer of the Cup competition, with a total of five, while Todd finished with four.

It was Croatia's third successive defeat after going 17 games unbeaten.

Newcastle's future remains clouded because the liquidator of Newcastle KB (United) remains adamant that he wants hefty transfer fees for some of the former KB players now with Rosebud. The Rosebud club can't afford to pay those fees, and if matters come to a head, Rosebud club can't afford to pay those fees, and if matters come to a head, Rosebud may find itself with insufficient players to carry on. In the meantime though, the club basks in the glory of cup success.

• **WILLIE GALLAGHER**, the Newcastle Rosebud coach, was born in Paisley in Scotland. He played for Johnstone Burrough, Ardeer Thistle and Saltcoats Vics before coming to Australia in 1965. Here, he played for Austral and Adamstown Rosebud until 1975, when he turned to coaching. He coached Azzurri in northern NSW for three years, Cardiff for two years and then went overseas for a year. He spent five weeks at Glasgow Celtic and six weeks at St Mirren, observing coaching methods. He then coached Adamstown Rosebud in the northern NSW State League and was appointed Director of Coaching for the club this year until Newcastle KB United folded and was replaced in the National League by Newcastle Rosebud. The new team only played a handful of games in the NSL before Gallagher was appointed coach, replacing Jim Foley.

• **TONY VRZINA**, the Melbourne Croatia coach, played for Split in his native Croatia in the 1950's. He spent a year with German club Wuppertal before coming to Australia in 1965. He joined Melbourne Croatia as a junior coach, eventually becoming senior coach for the 1971 and 1972 seasons. Croatia twice won the Ampol Cup under Vrzina. It also won the interstate Ampol Cup in 1971, beating Sydney's Western Suburbs 3-1 in the final. It also won the State League Cup last year. Vrzina resigned in 1972, the year Croatia was expelled from the VSE. He became manager-coach of Essendon Lions in 1975, helping that club to avoid relegation from Metro First Division. Lions became Essendon Croatia in 1976, finishing third in First Division and winning promotion to State League to fill one of four vacancies created by the formation of the National League. Vrzina, however, again resigned and in 1978 he guided Western Suburbs to a second place finish in Metro First Division. He joined Preston Macedonia for a year in 1979, switched to Slavia for two years, then Bullen, then was appointed coach of Northcote in December, 1982, a post he resigned earlier this year. He was appointed coach of Melbourne Croatia in June.

Liverpool rejected by Clint Gosling!

By TED SIMMONS

New Zealand and Newcastle goalkeeper Clint Gosling still blames himself for a youthful decision which probably stopped him from becoming custodian for one of England's great soccer teams.

The 24-year-old Gosling trialed with First Division champion Liverpool nine years ago and was offered a contract by club manager Bob Paisley.

"I was cold and homesick for New Zealand and decided to reject the offer," he said.

"It was only a few seasons later that the first team keeper Ray Clemence left the club which looked arid for another player before signing Bruce Grobbelaar to fill the vacancy."

Gosling was born in Liverpool and migrated to New Zealand at the age of five with his parents.

He gained part compensation last weekend when he was invited by New Zealand national coach Allan Jones to join the Kiwi squad to tour England and Scotland next month.

Gosling is in his fourth season with Newcastle after being brought to Australia by former Newcastle KB coach Alan Vest.

He completed the 1983 season with the best record of any goalkeeper in the national league when he conceded only 26 goals in 30 games, one less than national keeper Terry Greedy.

Gosling was selected as a teenager in the New Zealand team to contest the 1978 President's Cup in Singapore and was chosen the following year in the national youth team to take part in the Oceania Zone World Youth Championship qualifying rounds.

Jones spent three days in Australia to watch the form of Gosling with Newcastle Rosebud and Richard Wilson with Macedonia in Melbourne.

"There are no problems with the current keepers but New Zealand is a small country and I can't afford to miss anyone," Jones said.

"Every player must be looked at, especially young players of the future like Gosling."

Jones will take a squad of 18 players, including two goalkeepers, on an eight-game four week tour of England and Scotland between mid-October and mid-November.

New Zealand will play matches against Glasgow Rangers and England B, the same teams Australian will meet during its tour in November.

"We have two matches in Scotland and play England at Nottingham Forest's ground. The tour is important because there are only 13 months to the first of the 1986 World Cup qualifying matches and then the battle will be on," said Jones.

The New Zealand coach was highly impressed with the standard of play when he visited the National Under 13 and Under 16 championships.

"Australia's future is secure with players like these, providing an development can be properly linked with coaching," he added.

"My only concern is whether the youngsters are being rushed into the big-time too quickly because both Australia and New Zealand seem to be youth made."

Delengos, Tattos share six

Driene thanks Mariani

Marconi defender Martin Driene, 17, certainly made an impact during his week in Tasmania for the 1984 Commonwealth Bank Secondary Schools' championship.

Driene scored New South Wales' opening goal in the 2-0 win over Queensland in the final and was selected in the Australian Schoolboys' side.

He started his career with Liverpool Robins in the under-8s before going to Morebank for five years and this is his first year in the senior squad with Marconi.

"Les Scheinflug is a good coach. He gets everyone motivated and he works on the simple stuff. He gets everybody to support. When you get the ball he makes everyone come in to support and it becomes automatic after a while," he says.

Driene is totally committed to soccer and even has been overseas to gain experience. Eighteen months ago he spent three months with English League club, Wimbledon.

"I learned a lot there," Driene says. "I had tried out for the NSW under-16 team before I left and didn't make it. When I got back, I tried out for the under-18s and I got in. I think the experience with Wimbledon was one of the main reasons."

Driene is pleased with his own progress and that of Marconi at the moment.

"Our slow start at the beginning of the season probably



Martin Driene

fact that we had a few new players such as David Lowe and Craig Mason and, I suppose, they weren't used to the style we play at Marconi."

Playing in the first team is not as difficult as people may imagine. "They make it very easy for you," says Driene.

"Bertie Mariani has probably helped me the most."

Driene's ambitions are to play for the young Socceroos and to eventually become a full-time professional.

Given his performances in Hobart during the national under-20 championships, he is well on the way to achieving both these aims.

— WALTER PLESS

RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL 6 (Delangos 5th, 13th, and 24th; Tattos 10th, 80th and penalty 89th). KEW HIGH SCHOOL 0. Victorian senior all-high schools final at Dandy Park, Brighton, Thursday.

RICHMOND H.S.: Stamos 7 - Anastasiou 7, C. Gourlias 8, Antonopoulos 7, Hronis 7 - Nguyen 7, Kasmiris 7, N. Gourlias 8 (sent off, 50th), Anastopoulos 7 (Nicolou 75th) - Delengos 9 (inj sub Leventakis 7, 55th). Tactics 5.

KEW H.S.: Papagiannopoulos 5 - Chomanuk 6 (Ntopoulos, 80th), Koukounaras 5, Livadas 8, Mangonis 7 - Koulobos 5, Apidopoulos 6, Myles 6 - Lefteris 5 (Argitis inj), Dimasi 5, Argitis snr 5.

Richmond High School collected its seventh trophy in four years with this easy victory in the Victorian senior all-high final.

In the other high schools finals, St Albans beat Springvale 5-1 to win the junior title and East Doncaster took the intermediate championship by beating Thornbury 3-0 on penalties after the score was tied at 2-2 after extra time.

Peter Delengos, who previously had been playing as sweeper, shot Richmond into the lead on a long through ball from Steve Tattos after only five minutes.

Tattos made it 2-0 after goalkeeper Theo Papagiannopoulos had failed, after many touches, to grab the ball, and in the 13th minute, Delengos raced away from Andrew Koukounaras and Andrew Mangonis to make it 3-0.

Delengos completed his hat-trick by outspeeding Koukounaras and belting the ball hard over Papagiannopoulos in the 24th minute. From that point, the game was dead.

Midfielder Nick Gourlias — until then one of Richmond's best players — was sent off for chopping down Mangonis in the 50th minute but even after Delengos went off injured, Kew was unable to make an impression on the much more accomplished Richmond team.

Tod Myles had Kew's best chance with a free kick, but goalkeeper Jim Stamos made a one-handed save. Tattos sidestepped three opponents to make it 5-0, and then scored from a penalty awarded over a foul on Theo Kasmiris.

Five of the Richmond High School players are with the Richmond Alemannia club in the Metropolitan League. They are Chris Gourlias, Nick Gourlias, Delengos, Tattos and Nick Antonopoulos.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

SENKALSKI FOR SYDNEY

Joe Senkalski (pictured) is Sydney-bound.

The elegant Newcastle-Rosebud midfielder has had offers from St George Budapest, APIA-Leichhardt and Sydney Hakoah.

"I've been happy back home in Newcastle but I'm eager to play for Australia again, and my chances would be much better if I played in Sydney," Senkalski said.

His last experience with the Socceroos was

against WAIKATO at Olympic Park about four years ago and although he emerged as one of the best players that night, an old hamstring injury sidelined him once more and put him out of Socceroo contention.

He previously was in the national squad that visited China in 1979 but before he could play a game, his hamstring played up and he was sent back to Australia.

Senkalski joined Sydney Olympic in 1977 only because Newcastle did not have a team in the National League when it started. He moved back

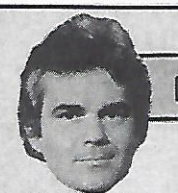


home when Newcastle KB United entered the NSL and joined Newcastle Rosebud this year, after KB United folded up.

Senkalski worked hard as a youngster to develop his ball skills. "That's very important for any young player, for once you have total control over the ball, you can think about what you're going to do with it, rather than worry about whether or no you're going to get it under control properly," he says.

A lesson there for young players —

— LAURIE SCHWAB



LES MURRAY

Moves from within the South Australian Soccer Federation to re-open the doors to imports — or if you like increase the quota of admissible "visa players" — has rattled many a protectionist ear in recent weeks.

Including mine, as I have been pretty pleased in recent years by the emergence of talented Aussies of the ilk of Davidson, Farina, Franken, Crino, Soper etc.

The emergence of such men hardly would have been possible in the years, going back a couple of decades, when first divisions around the country could not have subsisted without eight or nine imports per team.

Now the quota is three visa players, only one of whom can be a new recruit, and administrators appear well satisfied that the grand cause of "fostering home talent" is being well served.

The fact is that the quota system by its naked self is not sufficient to serve the cause and all it basically does is create some economic equity between our struggling clubs.

But, while that equity is of course a very desirable thing, it does not



The magnificent Uruguay team that played in the 1981 World Youth Championship final in Australia. From left, standing: Pena, Arias, Berrueta, Melian, Vasquez, Gutierrez. Front: Aguilera, Lopez, Baez, Fancescoli, Noble.

guarantee the fashioning of good quality players, only cheap ones, and I'm not entirely sure such restrictions on imports improves our soccer.

In fact I'm sure it does not because now, coinciding in other words with a period when the least amount of imports is being used in Australian soccer's recent history, the standard of our game is a lot lower than ever before.

Simply, a quota system is a toothless measure without a grand and futuristic coaching scheme to go with it.

Maybe some of us — too many of us to be sure — are under the impression that those half a million junior players provide some bottomless

well of future internationals but that notion is tragically way off the mark.

Those juniors play week in and week out, egged on by parents and conscientious officials, will continue to play so long as Rugby or Aussie Rules remain "too violent" for mum or dad.

But the juniors aren't being coached, and don't we at Network 0-28 know it.

So, with our lopsided effort to foster home talent, our alternative to imports is half a million uncoached juniors.

Step number one then should be to improve, by gigantic proportions, the coaching of juniors in this country. National and State directors of

coaching are but a case of scratching the surface.

In the meantime (step number two) the doors for imports should be eased open if not left entirely ajar.

However, new thoughts on imports though should be dominated by selectivity: allowing only (a) quality players and (b) players from a variety of sources.

The wholesale importation of players from England and Scotland — because they happen to be the cheapest — should be at all cost avoided.

Rugged players with plenty of character and application we have plenty of and we've had plenty of them since pure economics threw the

More imports would raise standard

import out of kilter and triggered an onslaught of lower division British players in the 1960s.

But players with a different education, players with flair and technique should be admitted and indeed encouraged to come.

A new quota system could allow say six players a team, provided those six hail from at least three different nations and provided all six have proven first division experience.

Such a system would guarantee quality imports and the importation of a variety of skills — none of which, with the worst will in the world, is likely to damage soccer's development in this country.

Whenever I think of imports and the sorry bunch of players Australian clubs insist on buying abroad, I can't help thinking of that magnificent Uruguayan World Youth Championship team of 1981.

Their silky skills, and the rotten luck that undid

them in their quarter final against Rumania, will live long in my memory as will the host of brilliant players they paraded.

And though many of those players — Francescoli, Aguilera, Gutierrez, Villazan — have made the grade in top company in Uruguay, others probably are buried somewhere in one of Uruguay's nondescript middle-of-the-table clubs.

Where for instance is Alexis Noble, a left winger with explosive acceleration and a master of the dribble who would be a sensation and nothing less if he played in Australia?

Wherever he is, if he doesn't play for Penarol or Nacional, and I know he doesn't, there's no way he's making more money than he would playing for South Melbourne Hellas or Sydney Olympic.

How indeed could having such a man play among us be considered damaging to Australian soccer?

World Cup scores

Last week's World Cup qualifying games:

In Belfast, Northern Ireland beat Rumania 3-2 in a group three match at Windsor Park. Scorers — Northern Ireland: Andone own goal, Whiteside, O'Neill. Rumania: Hagi, Gheorghe.

In Dublin, the Republic of Ireland beat the Soviet Union 1-0 in a Group Six match. Scorer — Ireland: Mick Walsh (60th minute). Attendance: 25,000.

In Oslo Switzerland beat Norway 1-0 in a group Six match. Scorer: Switzerland — Andy Egli (3rd minute, penalty).

In Reykjavik, Iceland beat Wales 1-0 in a Group Seven match. Scorer: Magnus Porteg.

In Stockholm, Portugal beat Sweden 1-0 in Group Two. Scorer: Fernando Gomes (79th min).

Standings:

GROUP TWO		W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Sweden		1	0	1	4	2	2
Portugal		1	0	1	0	2	2
Malta		0	0	1	0	0	0
Czechoslovakia		0	0	0	0	0	0
West Germany		0	0	0	0	0	0

Next matches: October 14 Portugal v Czechoslovakia, October 17 West Germany v Sweden.

GROUP THREE		W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Finland		1	0	1	0	2	2
Northern Ireland		1	0	1	3	2	2
Norway		0	0	1	2	0	0
England		0	0	0	0	0	0
Turkey		0	0	0	0	0	0

Next matches: October 17 England v Finland, October 31 Turkey v Finland.

GROUP SIX		W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Ireland		1	0	1	0	2	2
Switzerland		1	0	1	0	2	2
Norway		0	0	1	0	0	0
Soviet Union		0	0	1	0	0	0
Denmark		0	0	0	0	0	0

Next fixtures: September 26 — Denmark v Norway, October 10 — Norway v Soviet Union, October 17 — Switzerland v Denmark, Norway v Ireland.

No standings for group seven — only one match played so far.

Results of friendly matches: In Glasgow, Scotland beat Yugoslavia 6-1 (half-time 3-1). Scorers — Scotland: Cooper, Souness, Daigh, Sturrock, Johnston, Nicholas. Yugoslavia: Vokri. Attendance: 15,000.

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Let's play Cup pre-season;
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Well, the National Cup is over and while congratulations are in order for Newcastle Rosebud, I've got to say that unfortunately, the Cup's been a flop.

Playing the early rounds at a time when some of the best teams in the world were parading their talents around Australia was a big mistake, for the World Series games completely overshadowed the Cup.

Nevertheless, well done Buds! They played against Melbourne Croatia last Wednesday night at Olympic Park and won 1-0, which might have surprised quite a few people. We had then, the second bottom club in the Australian Conference, playing the third top club in the National Conference. It goes to show that there isn't a great difference between the top and bottom clubs.

It was great to see the Buds get up because here was a side playing purely for the love of the game and purely for the thrill of competition. Not for them any big bonuses for winning. And by all accounts,

KAT'S CORNER

with PETER KATHOLOS

Newcastle Rosebud players ran their guts out and thoroughly deserved to win. Tremendous.

But here's food for thought with regards to next year's Cup. Let's play it as a pre-season competition. We can use Olympic Park, St George Stadium and Marcom Stadium under lights and at that time of year the weather will be great. I'm sure the games would attract the fans and the atmosphere would be just what we need to bring the best out in the players.

Hellas in form
The national finals are just around the corner and South Melbourne Hellas is

in top form.

Hellas has a well balanced, consistent side and it will give the championship a big nudge.

Up front you've got that great marksman Dougie Brown and livewire Charlie Egan. Before last weekend's game, Brown had notched 16 goals and Egan had bagged eight. Not bad for a striking duo!

The midfield is superbly balanced. You've got Oscar Crino and Alan Davidson providing the skill and creativity while Kenny Murphy and young Johnny Kanesoulis are tremendous workers and ball winners.

And the defence is as mean as hell and really well organised. In fact Bobby Russell,

Steve Blair, John Yzendoorn and Kris Kalitaditis all have played for Australia. That says enough about their quality.

And Hellas certainly isn't short of talent in reserves like Con Kiakos and Angie Post-regiou.

Yes, Hellas is starting to roll. That's something we'll all have to watch out for when the national finals get going.

Now for St. George

Olympic's squaring up to St George this week and what an interesting clash this will be with so many Socceroos on show.

St George is fighting for survival and right now every point is vital. But Olympic will be looking for another victory to cement our standing as one of the finest teams in the Australian Conference.

And I reckon that national coach Frank Ark might have a few headaches when he tries to stop us in our current mood.

who do you mark at Olympic? Do you mark Soper, or Koussas, or Kalantzis, or Patikas or Rasopoulos, or ... ? The list is almost endless. We're all getting forward and having a go and we're all really enjoying ourselves.

But you can't take St George lightly. Okay, Saints aren't having a great season but they've got good players and they're quite capable of bouncing back against a top team.

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BUDS' BOSS HITS BACK!

Newcastle Rosebud president Paul Colver hit out strongly at comments which Melbourne Croatia president Joe Sigur made in last week's issue of "Soccer Action".

Sigur said: "If I were there (Newcastle Rosebud's) president, I'd keep my mouth shut and just be thankful that I'm still in the National League! If they can't keep their house in order they shouldn't be playing at this level."

Sigur was responding to suggestions that playing the final in Melbourne gave Croatia an unfair advantage.

Colver had this to say in reply: "Mr Sigur would have been better off waiting until after the Cup final had been played before opening his mouth."

"At least my club has its own ground and a licensed club behind it. And we let our coach pick the team."

ADAMSTOWN ROSEBUD has been playing soccer in this country for over 100 years so which club — ours or Croatia — is the more established?

"Within the next eight weeks we'll have tremendous floodlighting at Adamstown Oval and we've already proposed to the National League that we be allowed to play games under lights next season. Channel 9/28 likes the idea. In fact, they've even thought about televising our night games live to Melbourne and Sydney."

"Our local State parliamentarian, Richard Fene has done a lot for us. We've received a \$25,000 grant from the State government, \$12,500 from the Adamstown Oval board of trustees, and \$12,500 from the Adamstown licensed club. And Alco Steel sponsors our youth team which is in the final of the Youth Cup."

"We found out last week which club — ours or Croatia — was the better organised on the field and had much more stability among its players. I'd go as far as to say that we're one of the better run clubs around."

— CRAIG MACKENZIE



Top five keeps league alive

By LAURIE SCHWAB

St George Budapest faces a near hopeless task in its battle to avoid relegation, as its next two opponents are Sydney City Hakoah and Sydney Olympic.

Blacktown, with Phil O'Connor back in top form, looms as a strong possibility for a place in the Australian Conference top five, as it meets Wollongong and Penrith in its next two matches.

And in the National Conference, five teams still are in the running for two finals places, with fourth-placed Brisbane Lions likely to slip on Sunday, when they meet all-powerful South Melbourne Hellas at Middle Park.

The same spirited fights exist in the Australian Conference, which confirms that the top-five series is the best concept yet introduced by the NSL.

With a first-past-the-post system, interest in the championship tussle is reduced to perhaps two teams.

But the race for the finals involves most of the league, which keeps interest alive until the end. Indeed, it increases interest in the final few rounds.

There now are three rounds to go, with the final one being an intra-conference challenge round based on standings after next weekend's matches.

The other two games for each of the finals contenders are: B.U. Juventus: v George Cross and Melbourne Croatia.

Footscray J.U.T.S.: v Adelaide Juventus and Makedonia. Brisbane Lions: v SM-Hellas and Brisbane City.

Makedonia: v West Adelaide Hellas and JUST. Melita Eagles: v Sydney Olympic and Sydney City Hakoah.

Sydney Croatia: v Newcastle-Rosebud and Marconi. Penrith: v APIA and Blacktown.

Blacktown: v Wollongong and Penrith. Canberra: v Heidelberg-Alexander and Newcastle-Rosebud.

Melita Eagles, who are fifth in the Australian Conference, are unlikely to qualify for the finals because the task of beating Olympic and Hakoah appears beyond them.

In the National Conference, Footscray JUST's chances depend on whether Gary McDowell recovers from a knee injury sustained against Melbourne Croatia last Sunday. Without McDowell, JUST probably would have to settle for a draw with Adelaide City Juventus on Sunday.

B.U. Juventus, meanwhile, should strengthen its grip on a final berth by beating last-placed George Cross, particularly since star midfielder Richard Miranda will be back after suspension.

And Makedonia, with Zarko Odzakovic fit again, should win two games straight — against West Adelaide Hellas and JUST. Even Canberra has a chance of qualifying in the Australian

Team of the week

In brackets: number of appearances in team of the week.

LEWIS (2) (Melb Croatia)	BOZANIC (2) (APIA)
DOWIE (2) (B.U. Juventus)	VLIETSTRA (1) (Wollongong)
MANOU (2) (WA-Hellas)	MELTA (5) (AC-Juventus)
O'CONNOR (2) (Blacktown)	PERINOVIC (1) (Canberra)
	J. STEWART (3) (Brisb. Lions)
	TODD (2) (Newcastle-Rosebud)
	FIJI BALI NEW CALEDONIA 1985

Youth leagues

VICTORIAN YOUTH LEAGUE: Heidelberg Utd 2 Frankston Pines 0, Melb Croatia 3 Footscray J.U.T.S. 0, Sun: George Cross 6 Knox City 1

SM-Hellas	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Footscray	15	2	3	50	15	32
Melb Croatia	14	2	4	44	23	30
Heidelberg Utd	11	4	4	32	15	26
B.U. Juventus	11	2	7	34	31	24
Makedonia	8	6	3	21	22	22
Green Gully	8	4	8	34	25	20
George Cross	6	5	9	30	29	17
Nume City	5	10	3	14	45	17
Morwell Falc	4	4	12	27	37	12
Frank's Pines	4	4	13	30	48	11
Knox City	2	8	19	13	95	2

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE: Penrith 3 Newcastle 2, AIS 6 Blacktown 0, APIA 1 Olympic 1, Marconi 1 Sydney Hakoah 1, Canberra 2 Melita Eagles 0, St George 3 Wollongong 1. Standings: AIS 33, St George 28, Canberra 26, Melita Eagles 26, Newcastle 26, APIA 25, Sydney Hakoah 21, Marconi 20, Olympic 19, Blacktown 17, Penrith 16, Syd. Croatia 15, Wollongong 14.

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9. Patterson (H'berg), Konstantopoulos (WA), Cairney (BL).

8. Ward (Juve), Lujic (JUST), Egan (SM).

7. Sweeney (Juve), Latif (GC), Brogan, Gojevic (Melb Cr), Panagis, Malavazos (WA), Dunn (Mak), Daunt (BL).

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	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
SOUTH MELB HELLAS	16	3	6	43	20	35
HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER	13	7	5	36	24	33
MELBOURNE CROATIA	12	7	6	37	27	31
BRISBANE LIONS	11	4	10	36	35	26
B.U. JUVENTUS	11	4	10	31	39	26
Footscray J.U.T.S.	10	4	11	28	29	24
Preston-Makedonia	9	5	11	40	33	23
Green Gully	8	6	11	31	32	22
Adelaide C. Juventus	8	4	13	28	33	20
Brisbane City	8	4	13	17	33	20
West Adelaide Hellas	7	5	13	38	47	19
Sun-George Cross	4	6	15	20	51	14

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH	16	7	2	60	19	39
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	14	7	4	55	25	35
APIA-LEICHHARDT	11	7	7	38	30	29
MARCONI	10	7	8	50	35	27
MELITA EAGLES	8	8	9	23	27	24
Sydney Croatia	7	10	8	28	35	24
Penrith	7	10	8	26	34	24
Blacktown	9	6	10	36	46	24
Canberra Arrows	11	1	13	45	36	23
St George Budapest	7	9	9	36	37	23
Newcastle-Rosebud	10	3	12	31	48	23
Wollongong	4	4	17	18	55	12

One point the difference!

Green Gully midfielder Paul Wade is within one point of catching APIA's John Bradley in the voting for the Boral Bricks \$1500 Player of the Year award.

Wade received one vote at the weekend. Bradley received none.

David McIntosh of Penrith outscored both the leaders by notching three votes against Newcastle-Rosebud and with three games to go he still is capable of taking out the award.

Doug Brown of SM-Hellas scored one goal at the weekend, and now is three behind leader John Kosmina (SC-Hakoah) in the Boral Bricks \$1000 top scorers award.

Top vote-getters:
75. Bradley (APIA).
74. Wade (GG).
68. McIntosh (Pen).
68. Melta (AC).
59. McDowell (JUST).
56. Biskin (M. Cr.).
53. Frankan (Can).
52. K. Wilson (ME).
51. Wishart (BC).
50. Yankos (H'berg).
49. Kosmina (SC).
48. Dunn (Mak).
47. Gray (APIA), Jackson (BL), Egan (SM).
46. Williams (GG), Cullen (Juve).

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 3 (Brown 60, Yzen-doom 68, Davidson 79) **ADELAIDE JUVENTUS 2** (Melta 23; Villani 61) at Olympic Sportsfield. Crowd 900. Ratings by Frank Pangallo.

SOUTH MELB HELLAS: Luamets 7 — Russell 7, Blair 7, Kalafatis 7, Postecoglou 7, Davidson 8, Cino 7, Zyzendroff 7, Kanesoulis 7 — Brown 7, Egan 8. Coach: Len McKinnon.

ADELAIDE JUVE: McNally 6 — Shillabeer 7, Flounders 7, Nyskohous 7, Cecere 7 (Rankin 80) — Tobin 7, Melta 9, Gatenby 7, Villani 8 — Maxwell 7, Mullen 7. Coach: Edmund Kretz.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Melta (AC), 5. Villani (AC), 4. Egan (SM), 3. Davidson (SM), 2. Maxwell (AC), 1. Cino (SM).

MELBOURNE CROATIA 3 (Markovac 1st, Lewis 65th, Cumming 68th) **FOOTSCRAY JUST 1** (Carroll 50th) at Olympic Park. Attendance: 3000 (estimate). Ratings by Peter Desira.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Banovic 9 — Lewis 9, Curcio 8, Parton 7, Hannah 7 (Deankovic 51st) — Blakic 8, Antolovic 8, Campbell 7, Gojevic 7 — Brogan 7 (sent off 84th), Markovac (Cumming 31st 7). Coach: Tony Vrzina.

FOOTSCRAY JUST: Boland 8 — Hazabent 7, Tutill 8, Kyriakoulas 8, Tansey 9 — Karic 7, McDowell 7 (Paton 46th 7), Belic 8, O'Donnell 7 — Carroll 7, Lujic 6. Coach: Cedo Cirkovic.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Banovic (MC), 5. Lewis (MC), 4. Belic (FJ), 3. Antolovic (MC), 2. Kyriakoulas (FJ), 1. Boland (FJ).

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 1 (Tasios 10th) **WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 1** (Mousoulis 75th) at Olympic Village. Crowd 2000. Ratings by Ken Kontra.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 7 — McKin 7, MacLeod 7, Yankos 8, Patterson 7 — Petersen 5, Selemidis 6, Valentine 6 — Stevenson 6, Winn 7, Tasios 7. Coach: Brian Garvey.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Sproul 8 — Mousoulis 7, Baker 7, Brown 7, Honeyman 8, McGregor 7 — Panagis 7 (Stamatopoulos 70th), Manou 8, Papadopoulos 7 — Kritikos 7 (Calandaris 85th), Malavazos 6. Coach: Sam Salabaidis.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Manou (WA), 5. Yankos (H), 4. Honeyman (WA), 3. Sproul (WA), 2. Patterson (H), Winn (H).

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED: 1 (Todd 7th) **PENRITH CITY: 0** at Adamstown Oval. Crowd: 1635. Ratings by Joe Lanzoni.

NEWCASTLE: Gooling 7 — Maier 8, Owens 8, Boogaard 6, Thompson 6 — McQuarrie 7, Senkalski 7, Brandt 7 — Milosevic 6, Todd 7, Jones 7. Coach: Willie Gallagher.

PENRITH CITY: Gibson 7 — Brogan 7, Daley 7, McIntosh 8, Cross 6 — Nix 6, Hale 8, Ainsworth 7 — Easthorpe 7, Cotton 7, Hunter 6 (59th). Coach: John McLeod.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Maier (NRU), 5. Owens (NRU), 4. Hale (PC), 3. McIntosh (PC), 2. Jones (NRU), 1. Ainsworth (PC).

ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST 3 (Barton 6th, Slater 15th, Petkovski 90th) **WOLLONGONG 2** (Vlietstra 42nd, Kotamanidis 55th) at St. George Stadium. Crowd Approx 1000. Ratings by Philip Micallef.

ST. GEORGE: Greedy 7 — Skeen 7, M. O'Shea 6, Santides 6, Kocka 7 (Batten 66th) — Branton 8, Ricoy 7, Stone 8 — Slater 7, Petkovski 7, Marton 7. Coach: Frank Ark.

WOLLONGONG: Tilsed 7 — Green 7, Vlietstra 8, Dummett 7, Conran 8 — Willis 6, Fleming 7, Kerr 7 — Beggs 6, Kotamanidis 7 (Nees 70th), Bundulo 6 (Fiona White), Coach: Adrian Alston.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Vlietstra (W), 5. Brown (STG), 4. Stone (STG), 3. Tilsed (W), 2. Slater (STG), 1. Fleming (W).

A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT TO SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (Kouskas, Katholos) at henson Park. Crowd: 5595. Ratings by Tony Raci:

A.P.I.A.: Parks 8 — Bozanic 9, Pullen 7 (Zims 7, 45k) Bertogna 7, Brown 7 — Butler 6, Gray 8, Bradley 6 — (Van Edmond 75th), De Ceglie 6, Tredinnick 4, Caban 5. Coach: Fil Bottalico.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 8 — Rodgers 6, Dakos 7, Coady 7, Jennings 8 — Theodorakopoulos 7, Katholos 7, Raskopoulos 7 — Seners 6 (Phillips 61st) Kouskas 6, Patalis 6. Coach: Manfred Schaefer.

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17. D. Brown (SM).
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Winn (H'berg), Lewis (GG), Arnold (Syd Cr).
10. Jankovics, McCulloch (Marc), Marton (St.G), Bradley (APIA).
9. Patterson (H'berg), R. Brown (Marc), Konstantopoulos (WA), Patikas, Koussas (SO), Cairney (BL).
8. Brandt (Newc), Kotamanidis (W), Ward (Juve), Lujic (JUST), Egan (SM), Farina, Perinovic (Can), Jackson (Pen).
7. Todd (Newc), Sweeney (Juve), Latif (GC), Brogan, Gojevic (Melb. Cr.), Panagis, Malavazos (WA), Bryant (Can), Daunt (BL), Dunn (Mak), Larkin (Black), Soper, Kalantzis (SO), Caban (APIA), Lee, Fletcher (SC).

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 1 (Latif 9th) **CANBERRA ARROWS 4** (Perinovic 3rd, 49th, 90th, 800-net o.g. 62nd) at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: about 800. Ratings by Craig MacKenzie.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Costello 5 — Taylor 7, Scemi 5, Bennett 5, Bain 6 — MacLaren 6, Faulkner 5, Jovanovic 5 — Toat 5 (inj. Coutts 55th 4), Pate 5, Latif 5. Coach: Billy Wilkinson.

CANBERRA ARROWS: Economopoulos 7 — Ontong 7, Christopoulos 7, Harkins 7, Jones 7 — Sermanni 8, Mihalides 8, Bryant 7 — Gibson 7, Perinovic 9, Reis 7 (Farina 86th), John Doug Collins.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Perinovic (Canb), 5. Mihalides (Canb), 4. Sermanni (Canb), 3. Taylor (SGC), 2. Harkins (Canb), 1. Bryant (Canb).

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 3 (Marton own goal 18th, Dunn penalty 44th, Ilioski 55th) **B.U. JUVENTUS 0** at Connor Reserve. Crowd about 3000. Ratings by Laurie Schwab.

MAKEDONIA: Wilson 7 — McMillan 8, Dobson 8, Dunn 8, Opasinis 6 (Cole 86th) — Heys 7, Flavell 8, Ilioski 7, G. Campbell 8 — Lucchesi 6, Lane 6 (Odzakov 70th). Coach: Frank McAlister.

B.U. JUVENTUS: Martin 6 — Geremia 7, Dowie 9, Orinoczky 7, Rogers 6 — Lloyd 7 (Minichello 70th), E. Campbell 8, Cullen 8, Zinni 7, Ward 8, Sweeney 6. Coach: John Margaritis.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player of the year award: 6. Dowie (J), 5. Flavell (Mak), 4. Cullen (J), 3. McMillan (Mak), 2. Ward (J), 1. E. Campbell (J).

BRISBANE LIONS 2 (J. Stewart 55th, Nivon penalty 63rd) **GREEN GULLY 1** (Carter 38th) at Richlands. Crowd: 717. Ratings by Ricky Rosso.

LIONS: Farrow 7 — Jackson 7, Vasquez 6, Hunter 7, Niven 8 — R. Stewart 7, J. Stewart 8, Junna 7 — Anderson 6, Daunt 7, McDonagh 7. Coach: Gordon Arrowsmith.

GREEN GULLY: Denys 8 — Smart 7, Krajacic 6, McLellan 8, Hogben 7 — Wade 7, Smallman 7, Williams 6 — Carter 8, Lewis 7, McGuinness 6. Coach: Bobby McLellan.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. J. Stewart (BL), 5. Carter (GG), 4. Denys (GG), 3. Niven (BL), 2. McLellan (GG), 1. Wade (GG).

Jennings (SO), 4. Gray (APIA), 3. Parks (APIA), 2. Meier (SO), 1. Coady (SO).

BLACKTOWN CITY 2 (O'Connor 12th, 43rd) **BRISBANE CITY 0** at the Gabble. Crowd: 655. Ratings by George Streeter.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Hoare 7 — Wheatley 8, Dunleavy 8, Pointer 7, Skellern 7 — Selavage 7, McLaughlin 8, Byrne 8, Sandv 8 — Iarkin 7 O'Connor 7. Coach: Casey De Bruin.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 8 — Fabrizio 8, O'May 7, Liddell 7, Bromfield 8 — Swan 7 (87th Scialvo), Chapman 7, Pimblett 8, Scriggins 7, (67th Cowtan), — Hamilton 6, Mengotti 7. Coach: Frank Pimblett.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. O'Connor, 5. Wheatley, 4. Dunleavy, 3. Wishart, 2. Fabrizio, 1. McLaughlin.

MARCONI 1 (Lowe 13th) **HAKOAH 1** (P. Falconer 62nd) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd 1318. Ratings by Alex Vesic.

MARCONI: James 7 — Carter 7, Henderson 6, Calderan 8, Spanos 5 — Jankovics 7 (Diane 55th — 6), Mason 8, McCulloch 6 — Lowe 8, Brown 7, Sharpe 6. Coach: Les Scheinflug.

HAKOAH: Clarke 8 — K. Falconer 6, Robertson 8, O'Connor 7 (sent off 76th), Gomez 7 — Watson 7, Barnes 8, Kay 5, P. Falconer 6 — Kosmina 5, Lee 7 (Fletcher 75th). Coach: Eddie Thompson.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Lowe, 5. Robertson, 4. Calderan, 3. Barnes, 2. Mason, 1. Clarke.

MELITA EAGLES 0 **SYDNEY CROATIA 1** (Borges 7th) at Melita Stadium. Crowd 4183. Ratings by Paul Goodwin.

MELITA EAGLES: McPherson 9 — McAusland 6, Tredinnick 7, McGinn 6, Wilson 7 — Allan 8, Jamieson 6, Farrugia 7, McDonald 6 (Leing 63) — DeManuele 6 (McKie 60) Andricopoulos 7. Coach: Raul Blanco.



Penalty a 'disgrace' — McLachlan

Brisb Lions 2 Green Gully 1

Scorers: Carter (38th), J. Stewart (5th), Niven (penalty 63rd).
Venue: Richlands Stadium.
Crowd: 717
Cautions: Lewis (GG), McGuinness (GG), Vasquez (BL), McLachlan (GG).
Referee: Gordon Nicholson

Green Gully officials accused Brisbane referee Gordon Nicholson of "robbing" them of a point after a controversial penalty decision had given Brisbane Lions a 2-1 win at Richlands.

Nicholson, who has been involved in a number of controversies this season, awarded the penalty 63 minutes into the game when he ruled Gully defender Steve McLachlan had

pulled Lions midfielder John Stewart off the ball as he was attempting to shoot.

The decision caused an uproar on the Gully bench with team officials, including coach Bobby McLachlan protesting bitterly as they threw boots and buckets into the air in dismay.

"Brisbane is notorious for this. We have heard all the stories and now we find they are true. It is not just something which has happened today but it has happened to team after team coming here. "It's nothing against Lions because they are a good young side and they took their equaliser well. But the penalty decision was a disgrace. The whole thing is an embarrassment to Queensland soccer," McLachlan said.

"We will be submitting a report to the NSL. But Nicholson was unperturbed by the criticism and said



Ricky Rosso

he was "500 percent certain" his decision was correct.

"The No. 16 (McLachlan) grabbed the Lions' player around the front and turned him off the ball. I was eight yards from play and it was a clearcut penalty. I have never been more certain about a penalty in my life," Nicholson said.

The controversy extended even to the taking of the kick. Everything appeared set and Alan Niven powerfully drove his shot past Gully

keeper Lou Denys and into the net.

But Nicholson ruled he had not blown his whistle and Niven was made to take the kick again. With his second attempt he outsmarted Denys by coolly and surprisingly softly, placing his shot into the bottom left hand corner.

It was a lucky two points for Lions and kept their top five hopes alive. But for Gully it virtually meant the end of the season.

And on their performance and Lions' relatively poor showing, the Melbourne side deserved a point.

David Smallman had a shot cleared off the line by Steve Jackson. In the 61st minute and although Lions had two chances during the next 25 minutes — through Anderson and Daunt — Gully hit the lead in the 38th minute.

Man of the Match:
JOHN STEWART
(Brisb Lions)

Fullback David Hogben made a skilful run down the left and cleverly beat fullback Steve Jackson, a rare occurrence this season. Hogben then cut a low cross back to Carter who had moved unmarked to the edge of the box. Carter hit his shot low and hard into the net.

Lions started the second half stronger and a goal looked imminent after Daunt and Hunter had gone close. Lou Denys made the save of the match in the 48th minute when he got a hand onto a powerful

Daunt header which seemed goal-bound.

John Stewart, who had been advised shortly before the match he was a standby player for the Merlion Cup and not his brother Russell as had been named in media dispatches, made the breakthrough for Lions in the 55th minute.

The team captain made a strong run down the left and worked his way close to the goal before driving his shot into the net from an acute angle.

Four minutes later Vasquez had to pull back Les Carter on the break to stop a runaway, which earned him a yellow card.

The controversial penalty incident followed shortly after and Smallman earned a yellow card for kicking the ball away in disgust to join McGuinness and Lewis in Nicholson's book.

WHO'S WHO?

A national selection blunder left Brisbane Lions midfielders John and Russell Stewart in a quandary over which player has been named as a standby for the Australian squad to play in the Merlion Cup in Singapore next month.

Russell, a former Youth Soccerer, was named in an ASF release last week as the player on standby, yet his brother John has received the letter advising him of selection.

Queensland soccer officials blasted the incident, claiming it was typical of the treatment given to Queensland players.

"This whole embarrassing incident is typical of how Queensland is being treated. I suggest the national coach, Frank Arok, should come to Queensland and meet some of the players as he obviously doesn't know them," Queensland Soccer Federation boss Alderman Ian Brusasco said.

Brusasco said "J. Stewart" was the name on the list of national squad players he received last week.

He reported the incident to the ASF's executive meeting last weekend, but Arok and ASF secretary Brian Emery disagreed over which brother had been chosen.

"I asked them if they were aware that there were two Stewarts in the Lions team and had they definitely selected John," Brusasco said.

"Arok was not sure and Emery said he thought it was Russell. I suggested they check it very carefully."

Brisbane Lions officials said the incident was extremely embarrassing for their players.

"It should have been checked before the squad was named and made clear in any releases," Lions secretary Lawrence Oudendyk said.

Brusasco said it appeared Arok didn't know the Queensland players.

The ASF resolved the confusion by naming both Stewarts as standby players.

Some face boot in '86

The National League will provide a greatly improved standard of football and a united front to the public by 1986, according to NSL vice chairman Tony Labbozetta.

And, as clear indication of the trend, Labbozetta pointed out that clubs that are unable to put the maximum effort into promotion of the sport should not be in the competition.

Labbozetta said the ASF had accepted the League's plans for 1985.

Next season the league will revert to a straight-forward home and away principle after flitting with a complicated American-style challenge format.

Added to this will be a top five grand final series and a well-promoted NSL Cup.

The NSL Executive already has declared itself in favour of a switch in 1986 to a 12 or 14 team league in place of the present two 12 team divisions.

"From now the final arbiters in the day-to-day conduct of NSL football will be three ASF members and three from the NSL with the league chairman as president."

"This committee will deal with 1986 plans in conjunction with the State Federations," Labbozetta said. "Our aim will be to set out the proposals in plenty of time for them to be understood and then brought into being."

"At this stage it is clear that some of our clubs will approve the plans and others will not."

"However we must gather together the very best clubs — those that offer top entertainment to Australian supporters."

In the light of his comments observers believe the big question will be whether surplus clubs revert to their respective state leagues.

The alternative situation being canvassed by the NSL Executive is the formation of two 12-team second divisions.

At the weekend's world cup committee meeting Sydney Hakoh coach Eddie Thomson had his appointment confirmed as assistant national coach to Frank Arok.

Other officials appointed to join the Australian squad's tour of China and Europe in November-December are manager Andrew Lederer, doctors Brian Corrigan and Sir Kanangara, physiotherapist Charlie Jurisic and gear steward Roy Thomas.

The training squad goes into camp in Canberra today (Wednesday) and the touring squad is to be announced the following week.

Ron Tindall, the West Australian director of coaching, has been appointed as Jim Shoulder's assistant for the Merlion Cup tournament in Singapore from October 14-28.

ASF Executive Director Brian Emery said the team will be known as Australian Under-23. We realise that a few players are over-age but the name best describes our objective.

"We have already proposed in view. It is likely that a top Southern European Club will tour here in early February."

BENNETT, COSTELLO IN TROUBLE



Craig Mackenzie

Geo. Cross 1 Canberra 4

Scorers: Latif 9th (SGC); Perinovic 3rd, 49th, 90th, Bennett o.g. 62nd (Canb).
Venue: Chaplin Reserve.
Crowd: About 8000.
Cautions: Harkins (Canb).
Referee: Chris Bambridge 8.

The Sunshine-George Cross committee this week will consider taking action against captain Gerry Bennett and goalkeeper Tom Costello following incidents in this match.

Bennett made a two-fingered gesture to Sunshine-George Cross fans as he left the pitch but it is allegations over comments Costello reportedly made to Sunshine-George Cross fans which drew most criticism from club president Alf Zahra.

"I'm absolutely disgusted at the behaviour of some of our players. What Bennett did to the fans is a disgrace but what really upset me is what Costello called our fans. There's no excuse for that sort of behaviour and we'll be taking stern action this week," said Zahra.

Bennett and Costello both had bad games and copped plenty of verbal abuse from Sunshine-George Cross fans, especially towards the end.

Man of the match:
MARKO PERINOVIC
(Canberra)

Of course, these fans can please themselves in their dealings with their players. The fans pay their \$5 at the gate and are entitled to shout out whatever they like. They gave Frank Farina a fair bit of abuse, not long after he came on to replace Alan Reis. Farina, who is much younger and less experienced than Bennett, simply smiled at the fans and got on with the game. There's a lesson there for Bennett to learn.

I did not hear Costello's alleged remark. If the allegation is true, he should be drummed out of the club quick-smart.

Marko Perinovic rose Steve Scerri to shreds. That didn't make things any easier for Bennett who was playing sweeper in place of suspended Jim O'Reilly.

Perinovic timed his runs to perfection and with the 'Cross being steamrolled in midfield, the young Canberra striker saw plenty of the ball. In fact, had he finished better he easily could have chalked up six goals. Instead, he had to be satisfied with a hat-trick.

He exposed the ineptitude of the 'Cross defence as early as the third minute when a long, high ball floated in from the right found Costello rooted to his goal line as Perinovic jumped up between two 'Cross defenders and headed in a simple goal.

George Cross took heart

from their team's quick reply but Ossie Latif's free kick in the ninth minute was to be the last effective resistance put up by the home side. Don MacLaren was body checked by George Christopoulos about 30 metres out and Latif took the resultant free kick, smashing home a low shot which beat George Economopoulos at the near post.

Perinovic blew a great chance to regain the lead for Canberra in the 31st minute when Alan Reis motored down the left and crossed to the far post.

Perinovic made amends four minutes into the second half with an overhead kick and that was the end of the 'Cross.

Experienced Tom Serranni, skilled youngster John Milalides and tireless Steve Bryant ruled the roost in midfield and Canberra, intent on still going forward and exposing 'Cross at the back, sensed that more goals were there for the taking.

Bennett's day was best summed up in a three-minute period of the second half. In the 59th minute he took too long to control Norrie Pate's lay-off and blew a scoring chance from dead in front. A minute later, Bennett misjudged the bounce off a long boot downfield and in nipped Reis but his lob over Costello was high and wide.

But Canberra went further ahead in the 62nd minute and Bennett was the scorer. Per-

inovic again wriggled clear of Scerri and Costello pulled off a superb smother. The ball went straight to Bennett whose first-time effort sent it firmly into the back of the George Cross net.

The local fans had started to get restless before Bennett's unfortunate own goal and the incident simply served to inflame some of them.

"Why do we pay these bludgers \$120 for a loss?" cried one fan who came up to the Press box to have a go at Zahra.

"Why did he (coach Billy Wilkinson) play Toal if he knew he was injured? Just so that Toal could get his money, eh?" said another irate fan.

The latter gent was referring to Bobby Toal's substitution in the 55th minute. Toal hadn't done a lot and injury forced him from the field. Wilkinson had two subs at his disposal. One was a forward,

Frank Petterica, while the other, defender Ron Coutts, was the man who replaced Toal and went to the right wing. And boy, did Canberra left back Roy Jones lap up Coutts' appearance on the park.

Canberra kept on with the job. In the 76th minute Perinovic, once more free at the far post, headed onto the top of the bar and over following a Bryant cross from the left.

In the 84th minute, Perinovic cut the ball back from the right of the area and Milalides, after moving inside a defender, shot against the post.

The procession toward the George Cross goal was capped by Perinovic's third goal, and Canberra's fourth, in the 90th minute.

Serranni crossed from the right and guess who was at the far post unmarked once more?

Angele, Marley back?

Heidelberg 1 WA-Hellas 1

Scorers: Tasios 10th, Mousoulis 75th.
Venue: Olympic Village.
Crowd: 2000.
Cautions: Patterson, Brown, Manou, Baker, Honeyman.
Referee: E. Venios 7.

This was a below par performance by Heidelberg, and coach Brian Garvey was disappointed that after taking an early lead, the team was not able to take control of the match. "We created several chances, although not playing well, but our finishing was not up to standard," Garvey said.

Obviously, the recent spate of injuries and last week's hammering by Juventus have taken their toll. Heidelberg lacked confidence and was a far cry from the smooth-running outfit of a few weeks ago.

However, the good news is that Joe Angele should be available for next week, and left back Steve Marley is not far away from full fitness following his operation.

He played half a match in the youth team, and should return to the first team in a couple of weeks.

Heidelberg's "Hoodon" position of left full back was filled by striker Scott Patterson, the sixth player to play there since the start of the season.

Patterson slotted well into this new role, and proved to be immune to the injury curse which affected the previous five incumbents.

Don Macleod's injury cleared up sufficiently for him



Ken Kontra

defence, and keeper Jeff Oliver, although only 60% fit, was also in the line-up. As a precautionary measure, reserve keeper Spiro Kardamitis was on the bench.

West Adelaide Hellas lined up in a defensive formation with five at the back, three in midfield and two front-runners. Coach Sam Salabasidis put his experienced players in the back five to contain the Heidelberg attack. This plan worked, particularly as the home team failed to get hold of the midfield and was unable to provide service and support to its front-runners.

Chris Manou looked the best and most consistent of the midfielders, although not a particularly mobile player, he was involved a lot, and always tried to do something constructive when in possession.

After some early pressure, Heidelberg went ahead in the 10th minute. Steve Winn's flick put Steve Tasios through, and the youngster easily beat Gary Sproul from close range.

Following this promising start, the game deteriorated and became scrappy. There were hardly any well worked moves, and neither side was able to establish a pattern of play of any real consequence.

Man of the Match:
CHRIS MANOU
(WA-Hellas)

Ian McKie in the 55th minute created some excitement. The ball hit the bottom of the upright and bounced into the arms of Jeff Oliver.

At the other end, Theo Semelidis' header from Mike Petersen's cross skimmed the crossbar and Steve Tasios delayed too long and was robbed of the ball when in good position 10 metres from goal, straight in front.

Two well-taken free kicks caused Hellas some concern. In the 72nd minute Stewart Stevenson's swerving shot hit the crossbar, and 10 minutes later Mike Valentine's piledriver was well saved by Gary Sproul.

Nick Mousoulis went forward in the 75th minute, shook off a couple of half-hearted tackles and beat Jeff Oliver from outside the penalty area with a shot which bounced awkwardly and sneaked inside the upright for the equaliser.

With a minute of play remaining, Steve Winn had a free header from 6 metres, but put the ball well over the bar.

On this performance Heidelberg needs to improve a great deal to remain in the championship race. The form of its midfielders must be causing a lot of concern to Brian Garvey. They have little influence on the match, and need to find form quickly to enable Heidelberg to mount a meaningful challenge in the



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Davo, Egan save game

By FRANK PANGALLO

AC-Juventus 2 SM-Hellas 3

Scorers: Hellas Brown 60; Yzendoorn 68, Davidson 79. Juve-Melta 23, Villani 61.

Venue: Olympic Sportsfield Crowd 900. Referee: Tony Martell

SM-Hellas's championship hopes were boosted and Adelaide Juventus' top five chances nosedived in the mud and slush of Olympic Sportsfield last weekend.

But for a while the situation that stood at the end of the game could have well been reversed.

Juve put a fright into the confident Hellas team which had to claw its way from behind twice before Notts Forest-bound Alan Davidson clinched the game.

The conditions didn't suit Hellas and it floundered in the conditions during a scrappy first half in which Juve held sway.

Juve, growing with confidence as the game wore on, took the lead midway through the first half with a dubious penalty converted by Sergio Melta.

Bold front-running Steve Maxwell was upended by Steve Blair but it was an unintentional foul brought about more by the conditions than spite.

Hellas, without Ken Murphy, looked vulnerable. Its defence ignored the conditions and maintained an attacking style that could have proved costly.

With Melta and Charlie Villani causing problems in midfield and Juve's defence desperate, Hellas faced the prospect of a shock defeat going into the second half.

But Charlie Egan, that dynamic Hellas dynamo, burst into the game twice to enable Hellas to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat.

Doug Brown equalised in the 60th minute but barely had Hellas completed its celebrations when Villani broke clear down the left and struck a superb drive past Laumets.

Juve appeared to have all the answers and was confidently poised for victory when Egan broke clear of his shackles.

He set up John Yzendoorn in the 68th minute and 10 minutes later eluded the defence once more. Egan took the ball to the by-line then cut it back for Davidson to ram a ground shot

Man of the Match:
SERGIO MELTA
(AC-Juventus)

that slipped under Willy McNally's body.

Juve proved to be a fine test for Hellas but was most unlucky not to have taken at least one point in a game in which it had more dominant periods.

Hellas now has breathing space at the top of the table thanks to lowly West Adelaide Hellas pulling off a shock draw with Heidelberg.



Alan Davidson

MARTIN IN THE WARS

Makedonia 3 B. Juventus 0

Scorers: Martin own goal 18th; Dunn penalty 44th, Ilioski 55th.

Venue: Connor Reserve. Crowd: about 3000. Cautions: Lane (Mak). Referee: Stewart Mellings

How one wishes that all National League games could be like this. As a spectacle it would rate close to 10 for non-stop action, a constant stream of bizarre incidents, relentless attack by both sides, constructive wing play, crowd atmosphere, the inspiring leadership of Juventus sweeper John



Laurie Schwab

Dowie, three strange goals and refreshingly, the absence of that negative approach which kills so many NSL encounters.

Congratulations to Makedonia for taking the points but equal kudos to Juventus for refusing to yield in adversity.

Juventus had beaten the then league leader, Heidelberg-Alexander, 5-1 the previous week, but lined up this time without Richard Miranda who was suspended, and Brian Brown whose guest player status made him ineligible to play in the last four rounds.

Yet I would go so far as to say the Juventus played the better soccer - especially in the second half!

It had more productive forwards in Andrew Zinni and Gary Ward who was playing against his former club. Eddie Campbell and Robbie Cullen were great in midfield and Dowie, as I said, was inspirational as he surged forward time and again, removing any thoughts his team mates may have had of throwing in the towel.

Gordon Flavell was Makedonia's best player for his honest, resolute midfield play, but it took all the strength of defenders George McMillan, Robbie Dunn and Ian Dobson to keep Juventus at bay.

All in all, the fans at Connor Reserve were treated to an enthralling encounter which was nowhere near as one-sided as the scoreline suggests.

Makedonia's goals all had an element of luck about them. The first was punched into the net by Juventus's goalkeeper George Martin, the second came from a dubious penalty converted by Robbie Dunn, and Zoran Ilioski shot home the third with the help of a deflection off the leg of Kevin Lloyd.

Juve, meanwhile, had luck

Man of the Match:
JOHN DOWIE
(Juventus)

working against it. Eddie Campbell, with only the goalkeeper to beat, missed narrowly after only two minutes; Joe Sweeney miskicked inches from goal after a square pass from Zinni, goalkeeper Richard Wilson slid and deflected a Sweeney shot with his knee; substitute Zarko Odzakovic, on an excellent through pass from Flavell, shot just past, and Ward hit the post!

But while Makedonia probably didn't deserve the penalty it was awarded, it should have been given a penalty when Martin brought down Claude Lucchesi during the second half. On that occasion, however, referee Stewart Mellings thought otherwise.

It is a match which Martin, the political refugee from Romania, long will remember. Under challenge in the air from Sean Lane in the 18th minute, Martin palmed a corner from George Campbell into the net for an own goal that set Makedonia on the road to victory.

He had to dive full stretch to prevent Paul Drinockzy from scoring an own goal, and then he had to turn and chase a pass which had been played over his head, across the face of goal.

Earlier, he had fumbled a direct shot from Ilioski but, luckily, the ball bounced off his hands and over the bar. During the second half, he decided to show off his dribbling skills, coming out of the area to take on Claude Lucchesi.

He beat Lucchesi with some difficulty, but then ran into Graham Keys who had the better of him, so Martin brought down the winger to prevent a certain goal.

He did make one good save, however, when he stopped a free kick by Dunn in the 40th minute. Three Makedonia players stood in front of Dunn and quickly got out of the way as he took the kick, sending it towards goal, wide of the defensive wall, with the aid of a deflection.

MAIER: MR CONSISTENCY



Joe Lanzoni

Man of the Match:
RALPH MAIER
(Newc.-Rosebud)

N-Rosebud 1 Penrith 0

Scorer: Todd in 77th.

Venue: Adamstown Oval

Cautions: McIntosh (PC), McQuarrie (N) Brogan (PI), Todd (N), Cross (P).

Referee: Jim Reeves 7.

For the second time in three days, Derek Todd bobbed up to score the only goal of the match and give Newcastle two valuable points against Penrith.

Last Wednesday night in Melbourne, Todd scored the only goal of the match against Melbourne Croatia to give Newcastle the National Cup.

Those two efforts will give an idea of how much the little striker will be missed. Todd played his best game against Penrith before returning to England last Monday for a trial with Bradford City.

The deadlock was broken 13 minutes from the end and it was almost a carbon copy of

Vlietstra's first goal

St George 3 Wollongong 2

Venue: St George Stadium Crowd: Approx 1000. Referee: Rampley 8.

Goals: 1-0 Barton, 6th, 2-0 Stater 15th, 2-1 Vlietstra 42nd, 2-2 Kotamandis 55th, 3-2 Petkovski 90th.

Wollongong sweeper Ray Vlietstra celebrated his return to national duties with a top game against St George.

The former Youth international has been picked in the Australian team to defend the forthcoming Merlion Cup in Singapore.

Vlietstra, along with the Saints' Barton, was tops in this entertaining match which would have been worthy of two more successful sides.

Man of the Match:
RAY VLIETSTRA
(Wollongong)

Vlietstra capped a magnificent afternoon by scoring his first ever goal in the NSL.

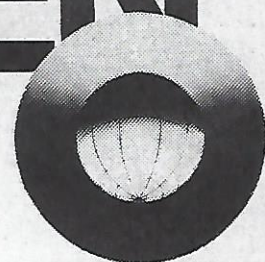
But his headed goal was not enough to save Wollongong from yet another defeat because on the stroke of full time Petkovski grabbed a last-gasp winner for the defending champions.

St George coach Frank Arok however just can't come up with a formula for converting Saints' many scoring opportunities into goals.

"If I could do that I wouldn't be here," he said. "I'd be a famous coach making millions of dollars."

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Phil O'Connor



George Streeter

Blacktown 2 Brisb City 0

Scorer: P. O'Connor 12th, 42nd.
Referee: R. Lorenz
Cautions: Liddell
Crowd: 655

With Phil O'Connor in sparkling form Blacktown looked a far more dangerous side. After only 12 minutes a through ball by Gary Byrne saw O'Connor turn well before hitting an unstoppable drive past Wishart.

Luciano Fabrizio tested

Man of the Match: PHIL O'CONNOR (Blacktown)

Hoare with a superb 35-metre drive while at the other end McLaughlin gave Wishart some problems with a well-timed shot.

With time ticking away in the first half Robert Wheatley made a great run down the flank before crossing for Byrne to take a shot. Brisbane City's defence managed to parry but the bounce favored O'Connor who made no mistake to make it 2-0.

Frank Menzotti was on the mark early in the second half but Hoare made a superb save to keep his side well in front and from then on Blacktown looked in control, rarely allowing Brisbane City to create an opening.

MORE LIKE GRIDIRON!



Alex Vesic

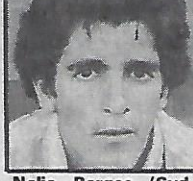
Marconi 1 SC-Hakoah 1

Scorers: Lovo 24th, P. Falconer 62nd.
Venue: Marconi Stadium
Crowd: 1318
Referee: Doug Rennie 5
Cautions: O'Connor, Barnes, Carter
Sent off: O'Connor 76th

The top of the table clash between Marconi and Sydney Hakoah turned into an unfortunate and fierce encounter which hovered around boiling point.

It is strange to think that soccer in Australia is reaching this standard. It is strange to see people in Rugby League get suspensions of six weeks or six months just for using an elbow and yet in this particular match the elbow was used on no less than two dozen occasions with intent to harm an opponent — and in most cases the offender went unpunished!

I think the League must take action — and I MEAN TAKE ACTION. Do not waste your finer any more. None of this



Nello Borges (Syd. Croatia)

Man of the Match: DAVID LOVE (Marconi)

one or two week's suspension stuff. Let's take action. Let's get rid of the players as well as referees who threaten to change this game into a combination of grid iron and lacrosse.

Late tackles, abusive language, elbowing, shirt pulling, tripping, behind play were all the order of the day. Since the referee failed to take sufficient action, a number of Marconi supporters came to the fence hurling abuse at him.

It's a long time since I have seen scenes like this at Marconi and I hope a long time before they are repeated. Football action, however, was not missing despite the heavy stuff that went on in between.

David Love beat a couple of Hakoah defenders in the 13th minute and crossed only to see Rod Brown miss the ball by a blade. From a resultant corner and a header by Mason it fell for Janovic who just three metres from the line but a bunch of Hakoah players on the line blocked the shot.

Three minutes later Peter Sharpe made the break that gave Marconi its lead. He found Lovo who helped it on to Rod Brown but a spectacular drive by Todd Clark saved the day if only for a moment.

Lovo picked up the rebound to score a great goal.

Midway through the first half and following a corner kick from Joe Watson and a header by Barnes, Hakoah almost equalised. James could not hold the ball and it fell towards Kosmina but Calderan stuck his foot out to clear over the bar.

Their best opportunity came close to the end of the first half when Keith Falconer crossed to the far post for an unmarked Paul Kay but the Hakoah



Steve O'Connor — sent off

midfielder missed the ball completely!

Hakoah started the second half in a more determined mood and almost from the kick-off should have had the ball in the net. Grant Lee went past two Marconi defenders then cut back for Paul Kay, unmarked and only metres from the goal line, but alas, it was not Kay's day. He scooped his shot over the bar.

Three minutes later Murray Barnes hit the crossbar with his header.

Five minutes later Marconi's "wall" made an error and paid dearly for it. James appeared to be calling his players to move the wall to the left as Peter Falconer curled his right foot around the ball from 20 metres to score.

In the last half hour very little was seen apart from a bit of nifty tackling, and maybe one clear cut chance to Henderson in the last minute when 'Hendo' rose high to head just over the bar.

Steve O'Connor was sent off the field with 14 minutes of play remaining and the referee's decision was hotly disputed by the Hakoah players. O'Connor appeared to have fouled Mason and while on the ground a scuffle broke out between the two.



Yacka Banovic



Gary McDowell

Banovic ready for 'Roos, McDowell hurt



Peter Desira

Melb Croatia 3 Foots JUST 1

Scorers: 1-0 Markovic 1st, 1-1 Carroll 54th, 2-1 Lewis 65th, 3-1 Cumming 68th.
Venue: Olympic Park
Referee: Jim Fearn 7
Sent off: Brogan (84th)
Cautions: Kyriakoulas (JUST).

The settling-in period is over and Yacka Banovic has started producing the form that demands attention from national coach Frank Ark. Banovic definitely should be included for the tour of China and Europe.

Banovic himself has admitted that it has taken him time to re-adjust to the Australian style of soccer and more specifically to tune in with the way Croatia plays at the back.

And given that explanation, it follows that if Banovic eventually is to put in a serious bid for the Soccerco-goalkeeping jumper, he must be given a chance to prove now — before the World Cup qualifying matches loom any larger — that he can adapt to Ark's tactical style.

On Sunday, Banovic brought off three near impossible saves and combined with Peter Lewis to rule out any possibility of JUST getting any sort of a result.

Banovic had to scramble and managed to tip over a long-range drive which took a wicked curve in the first half. Then, after the break, he dived full length to deny substitute Jani Paton whose drive would have beaten most keepers.

But the keeper's best came when he was bundled into the net from a challenge by Vlatko Belic in dealing with a cross from the right but somehow managed to keep his arms outstretched to prevent the ball from being ruled to have crossed over the goal line.

On top of all that, Banovic contributed directly to Croatia's third goal when his long goal kick took only one bounce to fall nicely for Tommy Cumming to tuck it away from just outside the penalty area in the 68th minute.

Man of the Match: YACKA BANOVIC (Melb. Croatia)

That goal came only three minutes after Peter Lewis had put Croatia back into the lead to crown his own outstanding display.

Lewis crept unnoticed into the box to meet Jozo Antolovic's free kick with a header which eluded Dennis Boland.

More important than the goal perhaps was the policing job Lewis did on J.U.S.T. danger man Zdravko Lujic who went through the game almost unnoticed as a result and did not set up even one scoring chance.

The two quick goals by Lewis and Cumming kicked off all the good work JUST had done to recover after falling behind with barely a minute played.

The early goal was scored by Robert Markovic who took advantage of hesitancy in the area by the JUST defence to smash home a corner kick from Josip Biskic.

Markovic lasted only a half hour after receiving a knock during play and was replaced by Tommy Cumming who had been relegated to the bench because of fear of aggravating the leg injury he sustained at Soccerco training.

JUST also lost an important player through injury in Gary McDowell who had returned to a central midfield role following the comeback of Kyri Kyriakoulas. McDowell failed to re-emerge after half time.

He said later he had damaged the medial ligament in his right knee and may be unable to play in the remaining games. It is a massive blow to JUST's finals hopes.

Despite the loss of McDowell, JUST manager to equalise at 1-1 only five minutes into the second half from a move started by Vlatko Belic, JUST's hardest working player, who laid the ball back for Tom Karic to supply the cross which Joe Carroll headed home.

Kyriakoulas was assigned marking duties on David Brogan and won an astonishing amount of decisions from referee Jim Fearn in tussles between the two.

Both were booked but Brogan's frustrations finally exploded in the 84th minute when he said something within hearing range of linesman Mike Gaunt who immediately alerted the referee and left him with no option but to show the striker the red card.



Tony Raciti

Olympic wins

APIA 0
Syd Olympic 2

Scorers: 68th Koussas, 84th Katos.
Venue: Hanson Park
Crowd: 5595
Cautions: Patalis (SO)
Referee: Gary Powell 5

Sydney Olympic maintained its best ever position in the league with a scrappy and indecisive 2-0 victory over arch rival APIA.

Olympic went into the match minus injured Soccerco Jimmy Patalis and Chris Kalantzis.

Neither side deserved to collect maximum points from this encounter as both sets of strikers delivered only a handful of shots on target.

Olympic's front running trio of Soper, Koussas and Patalis not once rounded their markers.

The same applies to Tredinnick, Caban and Bradley of APIA.

In fact both Soper's and Tredinnick's contribution was non-existent, but in their defence, they both appeared to be carrying injuries.

Olympic, after their 6-1 thrashing of Blacktown City, had been labelled in all sections of the media as the entertainers of the league.

On their performance against APIA and their reputation was in tatters as they failed to string even two consecutive passes together.

Olympic's midfield of Katos, Raskopoulos and Theodorakopoulos was devoid of any ideas.

All three were content to pump long aimless balls in the direction of Soper, Koussas and Patalis.

These balls were easily cut out by Bertogina and Pullen.

In fact while Pullen was on the field Olympic's strikers never threatened.

It was when Pullen was replaced because of injury at half time that APIA fell to the poor standard of its opponents.

Up until then APIA had been the better team, playing constructively and trying to create chances. It was up front where APIA failed miserably as Tredinnick, Caban and Bradley were absolutely woeeful.

But full credit must be given to Rodgers and Jennings, who

with little flair

Man of the Match: VIC BOZANIC (APIA)

not only contained Bradley and Tredinnick, but also found time to venture forward.

Koussas opened the scoring in the 68th minute when he pushed home a cross from Patalis.

Katos sealed the result when he scored a fine individual goal six minutes from full time.

Other than the two goals there weren't any other highlights worth mentioning.

Once again these two clubs produced a healthy crowd, taking into consideration Sydney's all-time low in attendance at this season.

But it was a pity to see Sydney's second largest crowd of the year being disappointed and disillusioned with a match which can only be described as boring and lacking in entertainment and excitement.

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Augsburg 1, Borussia Dortmund 1	
Bayer Leverkusen 1, Schalke 04 3	
Stuttgart 1, Werder Bremen 1	
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Sunderland 1, Newcastle 2	
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SCOTLAND	
Premier Division: Aberdeen 0 Rangers 0, Celtic 1 Hearts 0, Dundee 2	
St. Mirren 0, Hibernian 2, Dumbarton 3	
Morton 0 Dundee United 3	
Division One: Ayr 0 Clyde 0	
Clydebank 0, Falkirk 0, East Fife 0	
Greenock 0, Hamilton 0, Motherwell 0	
Partick 0, St. Johnstone 0, Hamilton 0	
Brechin 1, Partick 0	
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Celtic 0, Hearts 0	
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Dundee United 3, Morton 0	
Dundee 2, Ayr 0	
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Top five or relegation?

Mel. Eagles 0 Syd. Croatia 1

Scorer: Borges 7th
Venue: Melita Stadium
Referee: Tim Davies 9
Cautions: Tredinnick (M)

Before a large and enthusiastic crowd — the best for many weeks at Melita Stadium — last year's State League rivals Melita and Croatia fought out a tense battle over 90 action packed minutes.

Full credit to Melita for sticking to their task despite meeting strong resistance from Croatia at the back.

Two valuable points went back to King Tomislav Park after this encounter and the position of 5 Sydney teams now hangs in the balance.

Melita in fifth place before this game now find themselves only a point clear of the lowest placed Sydney team and in real fear of the big drop. That would be a real pity, for work is about to commence on an ambitious new grandstand project which the Parramatta council has just approved.



Paul Goodwin

With an equal investment of a quarter of a million dollars by both council and Melita, a future without National League soccer would be futile.

All is not yet lost, though forthcoming games against Sydney Olympic and Sydney City do make the task a tough one.

Recent Croatia signing Zeljko Jurin, burst down the right flank in the opening minute of the game and crossed smartly only to see a Melita defender on guard duty in the goalmouth.

Melita recovered quickly to send Demanuele away down the right wing and the Maltese recruit watched as Paul Andricopoulos headed well, his 6th minute cross.

Croatia continued to split the home defence in the early

period and it came as no surprise when Graham Arnold found Jurin free on the right with the opportunity to push the ball low across the face of goal.

No Melita player this time could prevent the cross finding Nello Borges who turned the ball into the net before McPherson could get there.

The two sides entertained with non stop attacking movements during the first half and Croatia nearly extended their lead in the 15th minute when they were awarded a free kick in centre field.

Lee Sterrey sent the ball into the box and Graham Arnold tried an excellent overhead kick which nudged the angle of the upright before going out of play.

Five minutes later it was Arnold again, receiving the ball in plenty of space on the right and aiming his shot low to the far post. McPherson managed to get his fingers to the ball and save the day once more.

In the 18th minute after Jurin had tangled with Tredinnick, a free kick on the edge of the box reached Arnold whose shot was saved by McPherson, but only as far as Arnold again whose follow up effort was

headed off the line by Tredinnick.

Melita came back in the 29th minute with their best chance of the half when Wilson headed a Farrugia corner against the underside of the crossbar and the ball rebounded for Demanuele. His shot, right on target, unfortunately for the home side, struck Andricopoulos standing in the path of the goal.

Steve Meades who came on the Godzik (victim of an incident which left him with a fractured elbow) saw his shot soon after taking the field, deflected by McPherson for a corner.

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Soon after this Melita nearly equalised. A free kick left for Kenny Wilson was driven firmly by the tall defender only inches wide of the target after evading the six-man wall.

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Man of the Match: ALEX MCPHERSON (Melita Eagles)

forward movements as the probing of the little man were always of value to Jurin and Borges, in particular. Without his skills, Croatia fell back more in defence and gave Woodhouse plenty of involvement.

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Thirty-six Socceroos

Marconi and Sydney City Hakoah, with 36 internationals each, share the title of the leading provider of Socceroos.

A few weeks ago we said that Hakoah had more Australian internationals over the years than any other club. We were wrong. And here is Marconi's imposing list of Socceroos.

Figures after each player's name denote: Number of matches for the Socceroos; number of full internationals; number of goals scored; and, where applicable, number of Socceroo "B" team appearances and goals scored:

Peter Wilson 114/62/3
Jimmy Rooney 100/53/7
Ray Richards 60/32/10
Peter Ollerton 55/30/20
Gary Byrne 54/30/1
Tony Henderson 44/27/6/7B
Allan Maher 39/22/0
Peter Sharpe 39/22/10
Col Curran 34/22/1
Mark Jankovics 34/15/2
Ron Corry 33/28/0
Eddie Krcovic 33/17/17
Ivo Prskalo 27/13/1
Ernie Campbell 24/15/3
Max Tolson 19/16/4
Peter Rapanoulos 14/4/2
Jim Cant 14/6/3
John Roche 11/4/0

Les Scheinflug 11/6/4
Mike Micevski 6/0/0
Vic Bozanic 4/0/2
Ian Hunter 4/0/5
Paul Degney 4/1/0
Johnny Giacometti 4/0/0
Jim Muir 6/5/0
Joe Piccione 3/0/0
John Spanos 3/1/1
Dennis Colusso 2/1/1
John Russell 2/1/0
Rene Colusso 2/0/0
Dave Keddie 2/0/3
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Ray Pocock 1/0/0
Bruce James 1/0/0
Tom McCulloch 1/0/0/1B/1B
Joe Rizzotto 3B

THE THOUGHTS OF CHAIRMAN RON....

The NSL as an elite, 12-team league; the National Cup as a pre-season competition; no break in the season like we had this year with the World Series tournament; and a pat on the back for coach Les Scheinflug.

They're some of the thoughts of Marconi chairman Ron Cavagnino.

His committee's enormous task this year was to bring in about \$350,000 to the Marconi coffers. Club Marconi slashed its annual grant to the soccer team to \$50,000 and it takes about \$400,000 to maintain Marconi's status in National League ranks.

But things may change next year, if Cavagnino has his way. He aims to have just one soccer representative on the board of directors of Club Marconi, rather than five and if the members agree, then he'll be that representative.

"That's what I'll be pushing for and hopefully I'll be the man responsible for the soccer side of things," said Cavagnino.

Cavagnino, with the consent of his fellow soccer committee directors, was responsible for bringing Scheinflug back to Marconi. Officially, Scheinflug became coach of Marconi on January 1, this year.

"It was me who first got Les to Marconi way back in 1969. I convinced the committee that we should sign him from Prague for \$3,000 and it was one of the best things we've done. Back in those days I think we had one ball and no money but Les quickly changed all that. He harrassed us into buying about 30 balls and he put professionalism into the team. We won the Second Division with Les. Unfortunately, after the 1970 season but were lucky enough to get

We need an elite league

Ron Cavagnino is in his first year as chairman of the soccer committee of Club Marconi. He's married, with a 10-year-old daughter and two-year-old son, and works as an official agent for NSW lotteries. Cavagnino was born in Italy and came to Australia when he was 8. He played Rugby League as a kid and admits to once thinking that "soccer was a game for sissies." He view changed when on a working holiday in 1965, he went to England and was entranced by the fervor and fanaticism of the fans at a Liverpool v West Ham game. On his return, he started following Marconi which was in Second Division, and has been involved with the club ever since. He spent four years on the board of directors of Club Marconi from 1972 and returned a couple of years ago. He was on the board of the soccer committee last year and became chairman of that committee in October, 1983.

him back for 1979 and 1980 before he became national coach.

"While Les was national coach (1981-84) we had four different coaches and that's just not the way you build a championship side. I know that Les is the man for the job. He's a winner."

Cavagnino switched his attention to the National League and here he echoed the thoughts of South Melbourne Hellas president Leo Anezakis when discussing the best possible NSL format.

"The present competition isn't strong enough because it has too many teams. I don't mean to be derogatory towards some of the clubs but let's be honest — a lot of

National League teams simply don't want to improve. They just want to stay in the National League and that's not good enough.

"We need nothing but the best in the National League to get people to watch the games. We need the best six teams from the Australian Conference and the best six from the National Conference all playing against each other on a simple home-and-away basis in the one league. When we played Wollongong away from home there were about 150 people at the game. I believe that teams not strong enough financially and in terms of playing standard shouldn't be in the National League. Let them go into a Second Division with a regionalised format to cut travel costs, until they prove themselves."

But would an elite league bring back the fans?

"Yes, provided the standard of soccer is good enough. People want to see the best. We're in 1984 and people no longer will accept a low standard of entertainment."

Many soccer fans, including this writer, are dismayed to discover that after a gruelling league season, the teams finishing on top of the Australian and National Conferences receive no recognition this year as champion teams. Instead, there's to be a national finals series, a top five competition in both Conferences, run on the same finals format as in Rugby League and Australian Rules. Cavagnino likes the idea.

"The Australian sporting public doesn't really give a damn who finished on top. Reaching the grand final and winning it is all that counts

in Australia. It's unique to this country and we, as soccer people, should accept that and follow suit. It's part of the Australian way. That's why we've brought in a final five competition and I think that it's a great idea."

The NSL format for 1985 isn't drastically different to the 1984 format, but intra-Conference challenge games have been scrapped and not before time, according to Cavagnino.

"These Intra-Conference games were disastrous, and if I had my way we'd play the National Cup as a pre-season competition in March," he said.

"And we can't have any more interruptions to the league season like we had this year with the World Series games. That hurt a lot of clubs, including Marconi."

Cavagnino is confident that Marconi will play in the finals and go extremely well.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE



Marconi, from left, back row: Atti Carbono, John Spanos, Rene Licata, Mark Janovics, Allan Maher, Tony Henderson, Paul Carter, Rod Brown. McCulloch. Picture: EDDI



By ALEX VESIC

Oscar Michelini, a patriotic Italian, is the man responsible for the christening of Marconi in 1956.

Michelini, a founder member of the club, moved at the first general meeting that the club be named after Guglielmo Marconi, the famous Italian who invented the wireless.

The motion was quickly accepted by those at the meeting. The link with the famous inventor is still strong today, and the Marconi emblem displays a radio tower.

The name was confirmed on November 28, 1957, in the minutes of the meeting held in a small shed on a vacant piece of land in Trivett St, Horsley Park, it was noted: "Moved by Mr Michelini and seconded by Mr Fiorelli, that the name of the club — Club Marconi of Bosley Park Social Recreation and Sporting Centre Limited — be confirmed and that the name be the official name of the club all the time."

Oscar Michelini was also the man who headed the building sub-committee, which was responsible for supervising the construction of the first part of the building at a cost of \$120,000. Other members of the committee were Mr C. Crestani, F. Zadro and Provino Sartor.

From a small and almost insignificant looking building, the shed rose into a magnificent edifice after an extension was carried out in the sixties. The new section of the club was opened on November 24, 1962.

Land surrounding the club was also bought, extending the club's ownership to more than 22 acres of land.

Some years later, Marconi Club succeeded with an application to the municipal council to change the name of Middle Rd to Marconi Road.

Only two years after the official opening of the club, a youth soccer team was formed. The first president was Felice Zadro, while the other promoters of the idea included Lorenzo Sartoretto, Luciano Morassut, Giuseppe Cessario, Angelo Cattarin and Dennis Munari.

In 1961, Antonio Fornassier became president of the youth club and also took the position of representative of Marconi soccer club in the Southern Districts Soccer Association. Armando Del Caro was the first coach of the side the same year and was largely responsible for the success of the team.

With Del Caro still in charge, Marconi became a member of the NSW Soccer Federation, leaving a team of juniors to represent Marconi in the Southern Districts Soccer Association.

Its first season in the NSWFL was highly successful. Marconi won the First Division amateur championship by eight points. It won also the Amateur Cup, beating none other than Sydney-Austral at Wentworth Park in front of 15,000 spectators!

The following year, Marconi appointed a new coach, Mario Danielli. The team managed to stay in the Second Division surviving a drop into the amateur ranks. Marconi managed to win the Coni Cup beating APIA reserves 2-0 at Marconi Oval.

Tiko Joljovic, the highly successful Yugoslav player, came to coach Marconi in 1965, but could not save Marconi from dropping back to amateur ranks.

In 1966, the coaching position changed again, but this time Joe Vasary managed to bring the team back into the NSW-SF Second Division.

In 1967, Marconi soccer club became an independent body, completely detached from the Social Club taking the name of Marconi Southern Districts Soccer Football Club. The first president was Mr Joe Morizzi, while Luciano Marson became the first vice-president.

The club continued its good form and Mr Vasary was signed to continue as coach for another season. Fifth place in the competition was the club's most successful achievement in the Second Division.

Les Scheinflug decided to quit Prague and move to Marconi in 1969, certainly a move that started a new era at Bosley Park. Marconi won the Second Division championship (1970) and became a member of the First Division of the NSW-SF championships.

In 1972, under the coaching of Rale Rasic, Marconi won the

FIVE-MAN BRAINS TRUST

Chairman Ron Cavagnino heads a 5-man board of directors.

The others are: Frank Lebozetta, real estate and travel agent; Terry Sartoretto, Charlie Licata and Frank Baroni, who all are building contractors. Licata's son, Rene, is in Marconi's first team squad and is a former national youth team player. Charlie Licata and Baroni are responsible

for promotion and fund raising activities while Lebozetta and Sartoretto run the juniors.

Marconi's honorary secretary is Keith Charles, who has been involved in senior soccer for the past three years. He was involved with Marconi's juniors for five years before moving into senior administration. Charles took over as secretary in April, 1983.

CLUB MARCONI

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van Djordjevic, Craig Mason, Bertie Mariani. Middle row: Steve Calderan, front row: David Lowe, Peter Sharpe, Bruce James, Joe Rizzotto, Tommy Camilleri.

CONI

challenge trophy against a star-studded St George-Budapest, to give Rasic his first success with the new club.

The following year, Rale Rasic managed to carry off the first major success for Marconi. In one of the most entertaining grand finals, Marconi defeated Hakoah to carry off the premiership trophy.

In the following three years, Marconi was always among the leaders, but had to battle with such giants of soccer as St George, Hakoah and PIA.

This proved a tall order for the Marconi team despite the presence of talented players as well as some of the most experienced men in soccer. Among the most notable players of the era were:

great coaches ending record

Les Scheinflug (Pregue, NSW, Australia), Johnny Glecometti (APIA), John Roche (Australia), Alfredo Moschen (Palermo, Lazio), George Kinnell (Sunderland, Juventus Melbourne, Western Suburbs), Alan Griffiths (Sutherland), Peter Wilson and Max Tolson (South Coast and Australia).

In 1977, the club entered the Philips League, the first national soccer competition in this country, and finished second on goal difference to Sydney-based Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs.

Rale Rasic, the coach of the very successful side in 1977, must still be having nightmares of that terrible day when Marconi was beaten in the first round by Adelaide Juventus 4-0. Marconi couldn't turn the tables on Adelaide City in a return match in Adelaide, while Hakoah managed to beat City twice that year.

So despite its great win over Hakoah (4-2) and a drawn game in their second encounter, Marconi couldn't match the goal difference missing out by four goals to win top spot.

In the Philips Cup, Marconi ousted the champions Eastern Suburbs-

Hakoah in the first round, showing once again its superiority over the team from Bondi. Marconi followed with a great win over Canberra City (5-1), then a memorable 3-2 win over Fitzroy in Melbourne despite two setbacks during the game.

In the final, Marconi had to travel to Brisbane to play Brisbane City. The game finished 1-1 and went into extra time. After the game was drawn, penalties were taken and the Brisbane team proved more successful. It was a sad end for the team that was twice successful against Brisbane City in the championship, winning 1-0 on both occasions!

The following year, Marconi bowed out in the first round of the Philips Cup and penalties were the cause of departure again! Beaten by the strongest NSW State League team, Croatia, Marconi now had only one goal — winning the Philips League.

Halfway through the championship, Marconi was miles in front of the second-placed team, and no one doubted the ability of Marconi to stay at the top but it was not to be the year.

Six points in front after 12 rounds, Marconi experienced the worst slump in its existence to finish fourth. In the top four competition, Marconi was soundly beaten by Easts-Hakoah in the Grand Final to finish off a bitter season for the Fairfield team.

But that experience was soon forgotten for in 1979, Marconi won the National League championship. It was a great year for the club. Coach Les Scheinflug won the soccer press association's Coach of the Year award, Ivo Prskalo was named Player of the Year, Eddie Krmovic was named under-21 Player of the Year, while Mark Jankovics and Peter Sharpe, the 'Fairfield Flyer', both were named in the National League Team of the Year.

Marconi won the championship by four points from Heidelberg Alexander and was to finish on top of the Melbourne-based club again the following year — this time in the final of the 1980 Philips Cup — but not before a nailbiting 0-0 draw in the final in Melbourne. The replay, at Marconi Stadium, saw the home team completely dominate the Victorians, running out comfortable 3-0 victors. Gary Byrne, Krmovic and Sharpe were the scorers.

The Marconi team that night, with player ratings, was: Maher 8 — Prskalo 8 — Brogan 7, Muir 9, Henderson 8 — Cant 8, Byrne 8, Raskopoulos 7 — Sharpe 8, Jankovics 8, Krmovic 8.

Marconi finished 4th in the league in 1980, slumped to 14th in 1981, its lowest ever NSL finish, 10th in 1983 then 9th last year. Its coaches in the NSL have been: Rale Rasic (1977-78); Les Scheinflug (1979, 80, 84); Raul Blanco (1981); Luciano Nesti (1981); Dom Kapetanovic (1982); Doug Collins (1983); and Tony Henderson (1983). Marconi truly is one of the great clubs in Australian soccer.

Scheinflug: We'll be at our best in final five series

By
CRAIG
MACKENZIE

"I'm getting quietly confident again because the team is coming good at the right time. I can feel it. Just let us get to the finals and you'll set a different Marconi — the real Marconi — the Marconi which will be respected by the best."

Les Scheinflug already has tasted success at Marconi so his optimism, approaching the national finals of the 1984 NSL, is based on experience.

"We can beat Sydney City. Our boys are big-game players and right now I'm concentrating on getting them mentally tough. We've got players who have played in front of 100,000 spectators, so they know what a big game atmosphere is like," said Scheinflug.

Even reaching the Australian Conference final of the top five series will be a great achievement for Scheinflug and his players, for the Marconi team, 1984 style, has a distinctly new look about it and it takes time to mould a championship side.

Should Marconi win the championship this year it will go a long way to erasing the memory of Scheinflug's sacking as national coach. But it won't completely blot



Marconi coach Les Scheinflug is a legendary figure in Australian soccer. He captained the national team, scoring Australia's first ever goal in the World Cup against North Korea in 1965, was assistant coach to Rale Rasic in 1974 when the Socceroos reached the World Cup final in West Germany, was assistant coach to Rudi Gutendorf and replaced Gutendorf as national coach in 1981. Under Scheinflug, the Socceroos won 14 games, drew 1 and lost five. For reasons best known to the ASF's World Cup committee, Scheinflug was sacked last March and Frank Arok appointed national coach. Scheinflug was born in Yugoslavia but went to Germany with his parents when he was two years old. He was 17 when he came to Australia and made his national team debut when he was 19. He played with Prague for 11 years and was captain-coach of Marconi in 1969 and 1970. His coaching record in the NSL is: 1977 — coached Brisbane Lions to 10th; 1978 — coached Adelaide City Juventus to 10th and beaten finalist in Philips Cup; 1979 — coached Marconi to NSL championship; 1980 — coached Marconi to 4th and won Philips Cup. He was appointed late last year for his third term as coach of Marconi.

out the pain that action brought to a man who had captained Australia, then coached it from 1981 until March, 1984, achieving some great results in the process.

"I took on the job with one major aim — to bring some credibility back to our national team and I really believe that I helped to bring credibility back to Australian soccer. Look at the youngsters I took to last year's World Youth Cup finals in Mexico. Almost every one of these lads now are established National League players."

"Look, don't get me wrong. I sincerely hope that the people in charge of the national team are successful and make it to the World Cup finals. But I hope that Frank Arok doesn't make the same mistake so many national coaches make and allow others to tell him which club or which country he should play against just because the ASF can arrange for that club or country to come here cheaply."

"Frank Arok has to stand up and tell the ASF which teams he wants to play against. He has to be allowed to map out his own program to prepare us for World Cup games."

"And while we're talking about the World Cup, let me say right here and now that I believe NZ will be up there again."

Okay, enough of the national team. Let's get back to Marconi. Why did Scheinflug take on the job late last year?

"I felt that there were some very good young players there and Marconi's a solid club which could give me the opportunity to work and to build. Also, I live about five minutes away from the club so it's virtually on my doorstep and travel isn't a problem."

"Ron Cavagnino (the chairman) is the man I'm mainly deal with and we get on just great together. He's doing an exceptionally fine job of running the club."

"All I said to Ron was that I would be very, very disappointed if we couldn't finish in the top five this year."

Well, it doesn't look like Scheinflug will be a disappointed man. Let's look at the 17 players in his first team squad, and his appraisal of them:

BRUCE JAMES (Goalkeeper): "Our most consistent player this year. He works harder than anyone else. Nothing is too much for him. Coming off his line, he has no peers and he's in the best two goalkeepers in Australia. He's good in the air and his reflexes are good."

PAUL CARTER (Defender): "One of the most promising defenders in the country. He's skilful and he overlaps well but, very importantly, his defensive qualities are good."

TONY HENDERSON (Midfielder or defender): "Very well known in Australian soccer. Tony's having a fine season. He's the captain and the real backbone of the side. I hope that in the next five or six weeks he proves to everyone that he should be back in the national team."

STEVE CALDERAN (Defender): "Very, very solid, a real all-round defender and a fine stopper. Excellent in the air. Steve's only 22 and believe me, we're all going to hear a lot more about him."

JOHN SPANOS (Utility): "A great team player and he's really fitted in well. We had to work on him a bit when we first got him from Heidelberg earlier this year because he wasn't fit enough but he's worked hard. He reads the game very well and is extremely versatile."

BERTIE MARIANI (Utility): "A good all-round player. Bertie's getting on a bit now and lacks a bit in pace but he can make up for that with quickness of mind. He's good in the air and a very, very solid player."

TOM MC CULLOCH (Midfielder): "This lad's got tons of ability and he's every bit as good as a sweeper as he is in midfield. He's only 21 and he's a superb passer of a ball. He needs more experience, especially international experience but that will come. He's got a really, really great future."

CRAIG MASON (Midfielder): "He made a hell of a difference to the team when he joined us this year from Newcastle. He fitted in quickly and really stabilised things in midfield. He's a really solid player, who plays it simply but effectively and he's a very good passer of a ball."

MARK JANKOVICS (Midfielder or forward): "A top goal poacher. Mark's been

playing above average this year and he's a player who can do a job for Marconi in years to come."

ROD BROWN (Forward): "We've yet to see the best of him. He's one of the quickest forwards in Australian soccer and he's very very sharp. He's got two good feet and a fine shot and, of course, he's young, so I'm looking for big things in the future from him."

DAVID LOWE (Forward): "The type of player I really admire. A very intelligent player and an exceptionally good reader of the game. Look, I make no bones about it. If I was still national coach, then David Lowe would be in the senior national team. That's what I think of this lad."

RENE LICATA (Winger): "Rene hasn't lived up to expectations this year. His problem is that he lacks concentration. He flashes in and out of a game and shows some tremendous skills but he must concentrate and work very hard at his game for the full 90 minutes."

ATTILIO CARBONE (Utility): "A good utility player. I can play him up front or in midfield and he always does a job for us."

MARTIN DRIENE (Utility): "This kid has just turned 17 and let me tell you that he's one of the greatest prospects in Australian soccer right now! I've been bringing him along for the past six months and what a future he's got. He can play at the back, in midfield, or up front. He's an exceptional talent."

JOE RIZZOTTO (Defender): "One of the best tacklers in the game. It's a pity for him and for Marconi that he's been injured and although he started training last week I really believe that we'll have to get a second opinion on his injury because I think that he's going to need a cartilage operation. That's a blow, but if he has the operation soon, he can come back next season."

JOVAN DJORDJEVIC (Utility): "A big loss, due to cartilage and cruciate ligament problems. He's fast, skilful and very experienced. And he can play in a variety of positions. Just the sort of player every top team needs. We'll have to see how he gets over his injuries but if he recovers fully then he's the sort of player who can do an important job for Marconi."

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Doves not down yet!

Morwell Falcons need just one point from Saturday's Selwyn Park clash with Albion Rovers to wrap up the 1984 State League championship while Doveton must beat St Albans Dinamo at Waratah Reserve on

By CRAIG MAC KENZIE

Sunday to cling onto its slender chance of avoiding relegation.

If the Doves win, and I think they will, they'll be just two points behind Dinamo with a much better goal difference. That means that the fate of Doveton and Dinamo will hinge on Doveton's postponed game against Croydon at Croydon Park and no doubt quite a few Croatians will turn up to urge on Croydon that day.

The men Doveton fans will look to against Dinamo this Sunday are Jim Nelson, whose two goals against Knox last weekend earned him a side a point; Graham Watson, who is giving good support to Nelson up front; and midfielders Matt McDonald, Billy Buchanan and Gerry Edmondson. Young Greg McLeod probably will be given the job of tagging Dinamo's leading scorer, Dennis Morovic, and McLeod has the height to match it with Morovic in the air.

Provided the Doves haven't prematurely given up the

ghost and are revved up for this one, they'll do the job. Morwell should beat Albion. And it now seems certain that Falcons will replace Sunshine-George Cross in the National Conference next season. There has been doubt about Falcons' desire to enter the NSL but last Friday the club was granted a full liquor licence and now feels that it can generate the kind of income needed to survive at the highest club level in the land.

Falcons seem certain to lose goalkeeper Bill Whiteside at the end of the season. It appears that Whiteside is tired of travelling and training requirements and feels that it's time he dropped down to the leagues (like joining North Dandy in Metro First Division?). Anyway, what a great way to bow out — with a championship medal. And that's what will happen on Saturday at Selwyn.

If Albion defies the odds and wins, then Knox City better prepared for an all-out assault on its goal when it travels to Raleigh Reserve to meet second placed Polonia on Sun-

day Janusz Przybyla and Carl Gilder starred up front against Northcote last weekend while Joe Tront and George Petrov tore the Northerners apart in midfield. Polonia is the stronger outfit and seems certain to down Knox.

The latest rumor about Polonia coach John Gardiner is that he'll be wearing Green Gully's colors next year. We hear that Gardiner will be lining up as sweeper for Gully, linking up once more with Stuart Cannell at the heart of Gully's defence.

SATURDAY
FRANKSTON PINES v Western Suburbs at Monterey Boulevard, 3 pm.
Broadmeadows v RINGWOOD WILHELMINA at Laura Douglas Reserve, 3 pm.
Albion Rovers v MORWELL FALCONS at Selwyn Park, 3 pm.

SUNDAY
POLONIA v Knox City at Raleigh Reserve, 3 pm.
DOVETON v St Albans Dinamo at Waratah Reserve, 3 pm.
Box Hill v Fawkner (draw) at Wembley Park, 3 pm.
CROYDON v Northcote at Croydon Park, 3 pm.

Czapnik to bow out, Polonia slams in seven

By MICK MITTEN

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Venue: Raleigh Reserve.
Polonia led 3-0 after 22 minutes and it was no contest. In fact, had Polonia finished better it easily could have reached double figures.

But seven goals aren't bad for 90 minutes work. And how fitting that his deluge should come on an afternoon when Polonia officials honored Andrew Czapnik, in his 17th season with the club, by making a presentation to him before the match. Czapnik will retire at the end of the season. He's easily Polonia's longest serving player in history and his outstanding service to the club is a feat which looks unlikely to be matched.

Believe it or not, Polonia's culprit in the finishing department was star striker Janusz Przybyla who blew a great chance here to all but wrap up the VSF Travel award for the leading scorer in the 1984 State League. Okay, Przybyla got a hat-trick to take him to just one goal behind Box Hill star Steve Smith but Przybyla missed from two one-on-one situations against George Arfanakos and the Polish striker rarely misses chances like these.

Apart from the goal spree, another feature of this game was the refereeing and linesmanship. Przybyla was given offside when inside his defensive half of the field. That was poor linesmanship. But referee Lou Hemmes also erred by ignoring the linesman's flag in the 65th minute when Przybyla, clearly offside, scored Polonia's fifth goal.

But the handling of the game best was summed up when a goal-kick by Stefan Mila found a Polonia player ruled offside! Now come on. Offside from a goalkick! I suppose it was some consolation when referee Hemmes allowed Mila to retake the kick.

But don't think that referee Hemmes is the worst referee in State League. Far from it. Here he was let down by his linesmen.

But onto the goals. Good work by Przybyla and Mirek Smolarek in the 2nd minute put George Petrov in the clear. Petrov's cross found George Bozakis completely missing with an attempt to clear and an elated Carl Gilder turned and smacked the ball into the far corner to make it 1-0.

Polonia's second goal was a gem. It came in the 20th minute and involved a series of delightful one-touch moves.

Gilder played the ball to Przybyla who played it to Joe Tront. Petrov, out wide, was put in possession by Tront and the youngster knocked the ball back into Przybyla who rolled it in on the edge of the six yard line.

Northcote hardly had time to blink before Polonia posted goal number three. Petrov won the ball and played it inside to Przybyla who sent Gilder clear and front the edge of the Northcote area. Gilder cracked a low shot into the far corner.

Petrov won the ball from Colin Quigley wide on the left in the 40th minute, played it inside to Przybyla, who touched it back to Petrov. With a defender moving to try and cover Gilder, Petrov charged down the middle and from 15 metres out let fly with a firm, low shot and his outstanding service to the club is a feat which looks unlikely to be matched.

Northcote hit back in the 59th minute. A Quigley cross from the left was headed back neatly by Mike Micevski to Peter Constantinou whose first time volley sent the ball whistling past Mike Lukac and into the far corner for a fine goal.

This stung Polonia back into action. Six minutes later a long kick-out by Lukac was headed on by Gilder to Przybyla who raced clear then struck the ball into the far corner to make it 5-1.

Tront took matters into his own hands in the 69th minute when he won the ball in midfield, broke forward, and with players making off-the-ball runs on either side, he hammered his shot into the bottom left hand corner of goal from outside the area.

The avalanche ended in the 83rd minute. Przybyla and Gilder played a one-two with Przybyla racing clear then thumping the ball past Arfanakos into the far corner to make it 7-1.



Polonia's star midfielder Joe Tront.



Polonia, back row: Kevin Innes, Mike Fryzser, Danny McCluskey, Noel Mitten, Carl Gilder, Stefan Mila. Front row: Mirek Smolarek, Joe Tront, Dave Gibson, Rick Lipiarski, Janusz Przybyla. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Waverley 6-a-side

Waverley City presents the 12th annual charity six-a-side to be held on the weekend of November 3 and 4.

Teams will be playing for the Joe McHugh Perpetual Trophy and nearly \$1000 in prize money.

This year again the competition will be held to help the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal.

The Waverley six-a-side is the largest held in Victoria and the only one which helps to raise money for charity.

Anyone requiring information can do so by phoning Eric Richardson on 25 3410 or the co-ordinator, Paul Webster, on 334 2409.

Teams will play in eight groups of four on the Saturday, the top two going through, and four groups of four on the Sunday, the top team from each group going into the semi-finals.

Also on the Sunday, eight under-16 teams will be playing in a mini-comp inbetween the senior games. Games are 10 minutes each way except for the semi-finals and final which are 15 minutes each way.

Last year's finalists were Doveton and Ringwood Wilhelmina with Doveton winning 4-3 after extra time.

The Waverley council has finished Waverley's new social rooms and dressing room complex and when the finishing

touches to the ground are completed, the complex will compare favourably with the best. This year Waverley had three players in the senior side who, between them, had given

41 years service to the club: Ted Quay (15 years and 315 games), Paul Storey (13 years and 300 games), and Alec Wilson (13 years and 272 games).

Smale best at Kew

Andy Smale, for the second year running, won the best and fairest award for the seniors at Metro First Division club Kew.

Smale polled 94 votes. Mark Kraeven, who joined Kew from Box Hill, was second with 82 votes. Ron Conway was third with 64 votes.

Tod Mylas, with 74 votes won the reserves best and fairest.

Kew's annual dinner dance will be held this Friday at the Stoke House in St. Kilda. Tickets are \$80 a double. For further information contact Jim Gorman at work on 288 2154 or home on 20 8584.

Watch out for Serbia

Ringwood United Serbia's president, Branko Jevticov is adamant that the club will be better prepared for the start of the 1985 season than it was for the 1984 season.

After losing practically the whole of last year's team of experienced players, Ringwood had a poor start this year collecting only six points from the first 10 matches.

However, under new coach Ken Kontra and with players of the calibre of Peter Vaughan, Alex Nelson, Ljubic Stojanovic, Jimmy Mills, Rudi Droessler, Tony Gilmour, Paul Jeltovic and Derek Bailey guiding the younger players, Ringwood collected 18 points in Metro Division Two. Ringwood is keen to recruit about four experienced players and intends to retain

all of this year's senior squad to ensure a smoother and more successful passage through next season.

Youngsters who have shown good potential this year and should improve further after a year's experience with the senior squad are: Slav Milanovic, Orham Demir, Mickey Djuric, Lubisa Bosancic, Mick Sedlarovic, Milan Stevanovic, Mark Bunce and Billy Ross. Interested players, who want to be part of Ringwood's campaign for promotion next year, should ring Branko Jevticov on 870 5847 (A.H.) or Ken Kontra on 725 5392 (A.H.).

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
MORWELL F.....	16	7	2	49	15	39
POLONIA.....	15	7	3	62	34	37
FAWKNER.....	14	6	5	58	34	34
BOX HILL.....	11	9	5	43	29	31
West. Suburbs.....	11	4	10	43	46	26
Northcote.....	11	3	11	52	47	25
R. Wilhelmina.....	8	7	9	37	36	23
Fiston Pines.....	6	11	8	32	38	23
Albion Rovers.....	8	6	10	23	32	22
Knox City.....	7	6	12	32	54	20
Croydon.....	8	2	14	26	37	18
St. Alb. Dinamo.....	5	8	12	33	50	18
Broadmeadows.....	6	4	15	27	50	16
Doveton.....	4	6	14	28	43	14

KNOX CITY 2 (Healey 20th, Bryden 68th) DOVETON 2 (Nelson 60th, 89th) at Egan Lee Reserve, Saturday.

KNOX CITY: Brian 7 — Stoffels 6, Bissinger 7, Murray 6, Lesbrier 7 — Healey 8, Smith 7 (Brinde 89th), Bryden 6, Gerrish 6 — House 6, Masters 6 (Byrne 65th). Coach: Eric Lesbrier.

DOVETON: Radov 7 — Dixey 6, Gadsby 7, McLeod 8, Fitzpatrick 9 — McDonald 6, Buchanan 7, Edmondson 6 — Watson 8, Nelson 7, Lennon 6. Coach: Ian Williamson.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 Fitzpatrick (Dove), 2 Healey (Knox), 1 Watson (Dove).

MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Stirton 72nd) CROYDON 0 at North Crinigan Reserve, Saturday.

MORWELL FALCONS: Whiteside 8 — Higham 9, Bruns 8, Clarke 8, Trae 7 — T van Baar 7, Moore 7, MacLean 7, Cassar 7 (Kent 56th) — Stirton 8, Athersch 7. Coach: Jimmy Dunne.

CROYDON: Kastner 8 — Rainey 7, Singleton 9, Bates 8, Brown 8 — Livingstone 6, Kerr 9, Griffith 7 — Loughane 6 (Killey 70th), French 8, Irvine 7 (Saisi 70th). Coach: Peter Ollerette.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 Higham (MF), 2 Singleton (Croy), 1 Kerr (Croy).

ST ALBANS DINAMO 1 (Morovic penalty 34th) BOX HILL 1 (Smith penalty 20th) at Churchill Reserve, Saturday.

ST ALBANS DINAMO: Debeljuh 6 — Kuzman 7, Bozic 6, Radman 6, Nobilo 6 — Batnovic 6, Pavlovic 7 (Ramajak 87th), Brkljic 6, Cullen 6 — Morovic 6, Bruno 7. Coach: Joe Spoljar.

BOX HILL: McKinlay 7 — R. Roodhouse 7, Brooks 6, Brownlie 6, A. Roodhouse 6 — Hughes 6, Underwood 7, White 6 — Azopardi 6, Smith 6, Verechia 6. Coach: Bill Murray.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 R. Roodhouse (Box Hill), 2 Underwood (Box Hill), 1 Bruno (St. A).

FAWKNER 0 FRANKSTON PINES 0 at Smith Reserve, Sunday.

FAWKNER: Terzini 6 — Giacomini 7, Angele 7, Macleod 7, Hobson 6 — Sabatino 6 (Boyle 67th), Bannan 6, Lia 8 — Palinkas 6, Cozzella 6, Tuffield 7. Coach: Gus Macleod.

FRANKSTON PINES: Kovac 6 (in Stutchbury H.T. 6) — Thurlow 8, Cullen 8, Livingstone 7, Beech 8 — Cook 8, Hodgson 6 (Luka 84th), Ross 7, Thomas 6 — Spencer 6, Rust 7. Coach: Danny McMinime.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 Thurlow (Pines), 2 Cullen (Pines), 1 Lia (Fawk).

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 1 (Warszawski 60th) ALBION ROVERS 0 at Jubilee Park, Sunday.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Lee 9 — Fryatt 7, Haupt 7, Murray 7, Verniers 6 — Shannan 6, Storm 8, Burton 7 — Warszawski 7, Pilebeam 6 (White 75th), Stewart 7. Coach: Cor Teuw.

ALBION ROVERS: Bryden 7 — Galea 5, D'Sylva 8, Gatt 6, Douglas 6 — Bennett 6, Reilly 6, Purcell 6 — Bouzas 5 (Allonso 70th), Gilmour 5, Robertson 5. Coach: Billy McIntyre.

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POLONIA: Lukac 7, Lipiarski 8, Mila 8, A. Czapnik 8, Smolarek 8 — Mitten 7, Gilmour 7, Tront 9 (Gronowicz 73rd), Petrov 9 (Kolic 84th) — Przybyla 9, Gilder 9. Coach: John Gardiner.

NORTHCOTE: Arfanakos 4 — Patinotis 3, Bozakis 4, Katsakidis 5, Wilson 7 — Toro 2, Quigley 4, Wright 6 — Bekiaris 6, Micevski 5, Constantinou 5. Coach: Jimmy Pyrgiolos.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 Petrov (Pol), 2 Gilder (Pol), 1 Przybyla (Pol).

WESTERN SUBURBS 2 (Stenson 37th, Lazopoulos 84th) BROADMEADOWS 0 at Ralph Reserve, Sunday.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Tachiris 7 — Hamill 7, Dimovski 7, Howe 7, Lekkas 7 (sent off 73rd) — Christodoulis 7, Kakantonis 8, Mussel 7 — Coyle 7, Stenson 9 (in Diliberto 86th), Lazopoulos 10. Coach: Jimmy Condalis.

BROADMEADOWS: Grech 7 — Smart 7, Donaldson 8, Vizzini 7, Ellis 7 — Hibic 6, Blair 8, Stoikos 7 — Vaccaro 6, Campbell 8, Liberto 6 (Watson 80th). Coach: Jimmy McIntyre.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 Lazopoulos (WS), 2 Stenson (WS), 1 Blair (Broad).

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Leading votegetters:
29 — Smith (Box Hill)
25 — Lazopoulos (WS)
20 — MacLean (Morw), Quigley (North)
19 — Tuffield (Fawk), Stenson (WS)
18 — Burton (Wilb)
17 — D'Sylva (Albion), 1. Roodhouse (Box Hill), Moore (Morw), Mila (Pol), Culina (StA)

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22 — Smith (Box Hill)
21 — Przybyla (Polonia)
17 — Lazopoulos (WS), Moore (Morw)
16 — Cozzella, Tuffield (Fawk)
15 — House (Knox), Stirton (Morw)
14 — Constantinou (Knox), Morovic (StA)

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MURRAY'S MEN ON THE HUNT FOR CUP GLORY

St. Albans 1
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Venue: Churchill Reserve.

The championship battle has been lost but Box Hill is keen to bring silverware to its club rooms and will be making all-out bids for the Dockerty Cup and State League Cup in the coming weeks.

That was the loud warning at the end of this match from Box Hill coach Billy Murray, who also shed some light into future plans for himself and the Hillmen.

"We're out to prove we're a side to be reckoned with in the Cups and I certainly believe we can go all the way in either competition," Murray said.

"We lost our way a little in the league — and decisions from referees like this afternoon certainly haven't helped us — but the season is far from over yet and we've got plenty to play for."

Murray was a little coy talking about his own plans for next year, saying only that he has had preliminary talks with Box Hill officials and doesn't as yet know whether he will be staying on.

But by the way he talked so enthusiastically about the seemingly unending supply of juniors coming through the

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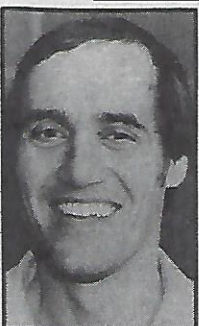
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ranks at Box Hill and who he plans to promote into the senior team soon, one was given every indication that the quiet achiever has got his heart tied to the club.

"Steve Smith was denied the right sort of service from the midfield today but we have already taken steps to rectify that and have already set in motion plans to bring out former Welsh youth international Chris Taylor, a 22-year-old, who has given service to Wrexham in the English League.

And there are two very exciting youngsters to come up to the senior ranks for next year should we lose any of our senior players.

"One is Zdravko Basic who is still only 16 but is showing up really well and will be pushing hard for a regular fullback spot next year.

"And Craig Davidson has already had limited senior experience in the back line and has a lot of ability."

Meanwhile, the draw at Churchill Reserve practically assured St. Albans of State League safety since Broad-

ASF no to Craig

Liverpool's Craig Johnston cannot play for the Socceroos, according to the Australian Soccer Federation.

Speculation has been running rife that Johnston, currently in Australia waiting for his wife to give birth to their first child, could be called on by national coach Frank Ark to play for the Socceroos.

But ASF executive director Brian Emery confirmed that Johnston had twice played for the England Under 21 side he could not play for Australia.

The rules of FIFA state that a player who has represented one country at under 21 level or above is not eligible to play for any other country.

"We trust that once and for all this will stop speculation that Johnston can play for Australia," Emery said.

200 games, 200 goals for Craig!

On July 21, Berwick City's under-10 player Craig Ireland played his 200th game for the club against Dingley.

This is a remarkable feat for such a young player, but Craig started his soccer career at the tender age of three and a half when he represented the Berwick under-7 team. At that age it was impossible for his parents, Gladys and Chris, to purchase a set of soccer boots small enough so he had to play in gum boots cut down to size!

Because of his exceptional ability, Craig is very much in demand by coaches of older teams and consequently he has reached the 200 game milestone earlier than if he only had played in his own age group.

In the match against Dingley, Craig also scored his 200th goal which provided a marvellous double celebration.

The key to Craig's success is his enthusiasm to practice at his own every day in his back yard, kicking the ball against the wall and fence, as every young player must do in order to develop his ball control skills.

KURT DIES

Kurt Goettlicher, who started with Richmond, St. Albans and Footscray J.U.S.T., died last Friday at the age of 46.

He was a member of the German team that won the junior version of the Victorian Ladlaw World Cup in 1957.

A highly talented forward, Goettlicher returned to West Germany after playing for St. Albans, Richmond and J.U.S.T., and had stints there with Karlsruhe, and Union Boeckingen before coming back to Australia and once more playing with Richmond and St. Albans.

He ended his career in 1966 due to illness.

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Auburn Uruguay had a fine season in the NSW State League this year but will financial trouble force the club to fold?

Is this the end for Auburn?

Auburn-Uruguay finished a very creditable third in the club championship for 1984. All three grades finished fifth in their respective competitions and each just missed out on the play-off series.

A very fine effort indeed, for a side that struggled to remain in the State League last year and a credit to its coaching staff as well as the players.

However, not all is well on the home front for this famous NSW outfit.

While the club administrators are heaping praise on senior coach Ljubo Gokovic and his ability to build a team around just a few players who remained from last season's squad, there was some dissatisfaction amongst them regarding this year's merger with the Uruguayan community.

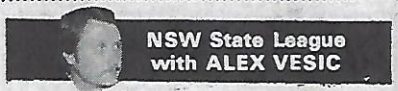
"It was nothing short of a dismal failure," said the club's long standing secretary

Fred Parker.

"The promise of crowd support and sponsorship money never eventuated. We had great hopes and we believed all the promises given to us, but they never came to fruition," added the Auburn secretary.

To look at Auburn's success on the field and its five 0-1 losses as well as four 0-0 draws, games which Auburn could so easily have won had its inept forward line played with a tiny bit more composure, is to realise that the team could have challenged for top spot.

Like most clubs, Auburn is having difficulties to sustain a soccer team in the State



NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

League with a budget of \$50,000 a year needed. When the expected help did not arrive from its Uruguayan partner, the Auburn-Uruguay committee sat down and decided to cut the players' wages.

Players were brought to the club and told of the situation, with the result that only \$20 a week will be paid to each one till the end of the current season and should the club be lucky enough to run into some money then the players will benefit. All the players were shown the open door and could go to any other club or remain with the side.

The character of the players shone through and all decided to stay.

However, there is a big question mark as to whether the club can continue next year. According to its secretary the club is looking for a sponsor, but few options are open.

"We could merge with another interested party, be sold or cease operating," said Mr Parker this week.

"It would be a shame to lose so much after such a wonderful effort in 1984. We have one of the best coaches in the country, a playing staff which did us proud and facilities better than most in our competition. It would be almost criminal to give it all away — not to mention the club colours, very dear to me and to all Australians — green and gold."

Monaro marches into Grand Final

Inter Monaro 2 Rockdale 1

Scorers: Valeri 27th, 65th pen; Brown 64th.
Venue: St George Stadium.

Rockdale Ilinden will have to front this week at the Gabbie to face Manly Warringah for the right to challenge Inter Monaro in the Grand Final to be

played at Marconi Stadium in two week's time. But it could have been all so different...

Walter Valeri put Inter Monaro 1-0 up at half time, then Ross Brown equalised midway through the second stanza.

Inter came back almost within a minute to snatch the winner through a disputed penalty.

Inter Monaro certainly had some fine performers on the day with Valeri, Giampaolo and Domestovic leading the way, while Ambrosino and Hocking showed great composure under pressure at the bar.

Tony Brennan's form continues to be a puzzle, while Billy Wilcox, apart from his brilliant dive in the 65th, did very little in midfield.

Inter had some bright moments during this match. Its first goal came soon after a brilliant move by Giampaolo in the 26th, but Giampaolo's cross eluded many as it flew low across the box. Only a minute later, Valeri took a stroll through the weak Rockdale defence to plant one past Kotzohambos and give Inter its lead.

Wilcox found the side netting in the 55th, then Giampaolo headed just wide soon after the restart, and Monteroso broke

through twice in the closing stages of the game but to no avail.

Rockdale Ilinden had some good openings and star striker Ross Brown could have helped himself to a goal or two. Slavski's free kick in the 5th minute grazed the crossbar as Rockdale appeared to have taken an early advantage in this game Terry Jones, Ilinden's best player on the day, provided Brown with his first opportunity midway through the first half but some good anticipation by Angelo Ambrosino saved Inter. Brown's shot was cleared off the line by Ambrosino.

With seven minutes to go in the first period, it was time for Michael Hocking to get into the act as Risteviski found Terry Jones inside the box. But there was the Inter keeper diving bravely at the feet of Jones to save.

Harry Williams deflected a shot by Brown over the bar in the 55th, then came the two quick goals in the 64th and 65th minutes.

Brown equalised with a fine shot from the edge of the box then came Wilcox's performance which gave Inter its lead.

I know that all this may sound a trifle strong. However, for those who stood on the terraces it wasn't at all amusing and should Rockdale beat Manly this week and qualify for the Grand Final there is one advice I would like to offer to those who administer the game in NSW: Give better protection to players and officials!

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Four new games for Roos' world tour?

Two matches in Italy and one each in Greece and Yugoslavia are set to be added to the Socceroos itinerary for their November-December world tour.

Australian soccer Federation marketing manager Peter Sheehan said that the games would be sandwiched in between a match in Holland on November 20 and the final game against England B at St James Park in Newcastle on December 5.

Sheehan said: "The delay in finalising the schedule is purely one of fitting to European club schedules at a time when leagues, European Cup competitions and internationals are all well on the go."

"Fortunately we can obtain a weekend match in Italy because the national team is playing and league fixtures have been suspended."

"With the Greek and Yugoslav clubs it is purely a matter of getting them to finalise the contracts."

On present indications the Socceroos tour will be the best ever organised.

National coach Frank Ark says there are no lesser games to be interspersed with tough ones so that up-and-coming squad members can receive the right baptism to the international scene.

He views the object of the entire exercise as one of obtaining vigorous European experience. Australia will have to play against one European nation to qualify for the 1986 World Cup finals in Mexico if it can win its way through the Oceania zone preliminaries.

The portion of the tour itinerary finalised to date was announced by ASF executive director Brian Emery.

It is: Nov 3 v China A, Nov 5 v China B both at Beijing (Peking), Nov 11 v Shanghai at Shanghai, Nov 14 v Canton at Canton, Nov 14 v Manchester City, Nov 16 v Nottingham Forest, Nov 18 v Glasgow Rangers, Nov 20 v Ajax Amsterdam.

The matches in Glasgow and Nottingham have an exciting flavour.

Australian International David Mitchell has won favour with Rangers manager Jock Wallace and has started the 1984-85 season as a first team squad member.

South Melbourne Hellas defender Alan Davidson has won a rewarding contract with Nottingham Forest and will join the club before the Australian party arrives in England.

National coach Ark pointed out that he already has two expatriate Australians in Mitchell and Eddie Krncevic under close observation.

He said: "Mitchell certainly does not have to be introduced to our squad as he was a valued member during the games here in June."

"I am keen to get an update on the form of striker Eddie Krncevic, who is now with Duisburg."

"I was in Europe when he transferred from Yugoslavia to West Germany. It was a big money deal and brought huge interest from the Germans."

"He is already an Australian national team player, and it was quite clear to me that he was likely to be a huge success."

FIRST GRADE

INTER MONARO 2 (Valeri 26th, 65th Pen) ROCKDALE ILINDEN 1 (Brown 64th) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 650

INTER MONARO: Hocking 9 — Domestovic 8, Frances 7, Ambrosino 7, Williams 7, — Wilcox 5, Farrell 6, (74th Wilke), Valeri 8 — Monteroso 7, Brennan 6, (84th Colbertald), Giampaolo 7.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Kotzohambos 7, — Degney 7, Atanasovski 7 (Trajanovski), D. Wilson 6, J. Wilson 7, — Nikovski 6, Slavski 7, Nasteviski 7, — Risteviski 6, Brown 6, Jones 8.

SECOND GRADE

MANLY WARRINGAH 2 (Fox 44th, 51st) KU-RING-GAI 2 (Hunter 39th, G. Williamson 74th) at St George Stadium.

MANLY: Jones, Scobbie (67th Plaud), Sestanovic, Sargent, Lynch, Barker, Etherington, Juergens, Davison (Poulson 84th), Woodward, Fox.

KU-RING-GAI: Lacey, Inngs, Foufas, Martin, Franklin, N. Williamson, Seeh, Harper (Lowe 65th), Hunter, G. Williamson, McCrann.

THIRD GRADE

SUTHERLAND 2 (Theodore 68th, Lovelock 70th) MANLY WARRINGAH 1 (Larman 60th) at St George Stadium.

SUTHERLAND: Mivric, Rankin, Christolou, Tever, Messereti (Meia 49th), Nivramis, Nelson, Robinson, Duncan, Lopez, Lope.

MANLY: Bedding, Theodore, Melville, Dennis, Vargas, Nicholson (Annan 32nd), McShane (Gonzales 70th), Simarosti, Green, Larman, Loughran.



Pascoe Vale was formed in 1966. Its first president was Michael Puljevic. Nick Babovic was the first secretary. It entered the now defunct District Leagues in the late 60's, finishing third in the Central Division in 1969 after finishing second in the West Division in 1968.

When the Premier Division of the District Leagues was formed, Pascoe Vale was a member club. Many of Pascoe Vale's players of that era went to bigger clubs: Nick Boskov went to Preston Make-

donk, then to Yugal in Sydney and from there switched to Tottenham Hotspur in England. Frank Partl, who played with Ilkeston, also went to J.U.S.T. One of Pascoe Vale's greats of that era was goalkeeper Ilo Dukovski, who played with Ilkeston in Yugoslavia. He later moved to Preston Madeleine. In the late 60's and early 70's, Pascoe Vale's president was George Dzanovski, a man who carried the club through some trying times. In 1976, Frank Partl was appointed coach. Partl was the first ever paid coach hired by the club. Under coach Partl, Pascoe Vale won the club's greatest ever players. Steve Dzanovski was at his peak. He played with Pascoe Vale from 1966 until his retirement in 1981.

When the Provisional Leagues were formed in the 1970's Pascoe Vale was in Division One. The club hit upon tough times, eventually slipping to Division Four.

That move was arrested in 1982. With Jim Tona as president, Chris Dzanovski as secretary, Jim Babo as treasurer and a soccer committee which included Len Dogovski, Mirko Dzanovski, Lou Tona, Mike Puljevic and Nick Babovic, Pascoe Vale started its surge back up.

Under coach Mirko Dzanovski and with 12 new contract players, Pascoe Vale's rise was highlighted by this year's Second Division

championship success, the first league title win in the club's history. Now Pascoe Vale is eyeing a Metro League berth.

Pascoe Vale's major sponsor this year is Goodalls Insurance Services of Preston. Other sponsors are Tres Bon Menifees and Vanden Furniture of Coburg.

The committee this year is: George Tilovski (president); Lou Tona (secretary-manager); Jim Babo (treasurer); Alex Kepanovski, committee comprises Jim Tona, Vasko Tilovski, Tom Coleovski and Vince Hristovski. Chris Babo is ground manager.

Pascoe Vale back row: Lou Tona (secretary-manager); Dasko Nicoski, Sam Valentino, Tony Stojanovic, Boris Gasic, Antonio Centorino, Mirko Dzanovski, Marko Radovic, Mick Lazarevski, Front row: Pero Naumovski, George Karyanovski, Zlatko Cvetanovski, John Bonello, Daniel McLaughlin, Steve Marcato. Missing: Arthur Chirkov, Jan Bogavac, Zoran Ristevski, Kosta Avramovski. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

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LA JUVENTUS TROPPO SFORTUNATA

La venticinquesima giornata del campionato di Lega Nazionale ha prodotto una serie di risultati che non hanno affatto diminuito l'interesse nei rimanenti tre turni della competizione poiché la corsa la corsa all'importante quinto posto è rimasta quanto mai aperta in tutte e due i gironi.

Nel girone "nazionale" (Melbourne, Brisbane e Adelaide) rimane ancora un interrogativo su che finirà in cima

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alla classica, e' stata però risolta la retrocessione che sicuramente toccherà a George Cross.

Nel girone "australiano" (Sydney, Canberra e N.S.W.) è ancora tutto da risolvere: la battaglia per il primo posto è nettamente a favore del Sydney City, ma i quattro punti che lo separano dal

Sydney Olympic non rappresentano la certezza matematica, specialmente in vista dell'incontro diretto fra le due squadre per la partita conclusiva di "challenge"; la lotta per il quinto posto è ancora molto aperta a ben sei squadre che si trovano raggruppate in classifica con un solo punto di differenza, il che

significa che in teoria ognuna di queste squadre ha la possibilità di finire quinta, e il pericolo di venire retrocessa.

Poiché la retrocessione sono candidate soltanto le squadre di Sydney, il Wollongong che occupa il 10° posto di coda con ben undici punti di distacco dalla penultima, può dormire sonni tranquilli: dalla penultima (Newcastle Rosbud con 23 punti) alla quinta (Melita Eagles con 24 punti) tutto 3' percio' possibile: naturalmente non si debbono preoccupare della retrocessione nemmeno Newcastle e Canberra, ma è sicuramente insolito che tante squadre possano ambire al quinto posto ed allo stesso tempo essere in pericolo di retrocedere.

Le prossime tre settimane vedranno quindi tutta una serie di partite all'ultimo sangue che avranno un peso determinante nel futuro di tante squadre.

E' innegabile che queste situazioni di massimo interesse fino alle ultimissime battute del campionato e da ascrivere in massima parte ai "challenge rounds", la novità assoluta di questo anno, che hanno livellato i valori in campo e creato così la possibilità di enormi distacchi in classifica che uccidono l'interesse della competizione con diverse settimane di anticipo sul calendario.

Ma ormai, come tutto sappiamo purtroppo, i "challenge rounds" sono stati aboliti per il prossimo campionato: anche se dietro considerazioni di una certa validità. E' però certo che i "challenge rounds" sono stati aboliti per il prossimo campionato: anche se dietro considerazioni di una certa validità. E' però certo che i "challenge rounds" sono stati aboliti per il prossimo campionato: anche se dietro considerazioni di una certa validità.

E' innegabile che alcuni problemi sono affiorati nell'organizzazione del "challenge rounds" fra squadre dei due gironi al punto che l'ultimo di questi in programma alcune settimane fa fu abolito e rimpiazzato con un "challenge round" fra squadre dello stesso girone, cioè un successo principalmente per la scelta dei campi in cui si svolgevano le partite, una scelta a dir poco infelice che ha spesso visto squadre con un buon pubblico spedito a giocare fuori casa di fronte ad una sparuta platea.

Si trattava quindi di dover apportare delle piccole variazioni per sfruttare al massimo l'interesse di queste partite, ma il concetto era indubbiamente ottimo. Peccato che non c'è stata abbastanza costanza a perseverare in un sistema che aveva dato tutti i risultati sperati: in questo è il calcio australiano del momento: uno sconsigliato arrabattarsi di gente che cambia, taglia, cancella e disorganizza con la insulsa motivazione di cercare di migliorare il calcio locale.

E' innegabile che il calcio, alla pari di quasi tutti gli altri sport, stia attraversando un periodo molto difficile ma alcune delle decisioni prese dagli enti responsabili negli ultimi tempi sembrano accelerare il processo di sfacelo invece di arrestarlo! Ma lasciamo a chi in autorità il "diritto" di "non preoccuparsi" di queste cose.

Tornando al campionato di Lega Nazionale, uno dei risultati più bugiardi dell'anno è stato senza dubbio quello che ha condannato la Juventus di Melbourne ad una sconfitta per 0-3 di fronte al Preston. Se



alla fine della partita il risultato fosse stato esattamente il contrario, cioè una vittoria della Juventus per 3-0, nessuno avrebbe potuto avere niente da ridire.

La Juventus ha praticamente fatto tutto da sola, ha commesso tre errori difensivi che, con una certa complicità dell'arbitro, hanno fruttato tre reti agli avversari ed ha sviluppato gioco ed occasioni da rete da poter seppellire il portiere avversario sotto una valanga di gol.

Questo non vuol dire però che la squadra di Margaritis sia stata derubata, ma semplicemente rinforza la regola generale che le partite di calcio si vincono innanzitutto evitando di fare errori, quindi sfruttando le occasioni che si creano, e, alla fine, con una certa dose di fortuna.

Come è innambrabile accaduto settimana dopo settimana negli ultimi mesi, la Juventus è scesa in campo nuovamente con una formazione rimaneggiata a causa dell'assenza di Miranda (squalificato) e Brown (non rivelato il suo stato di salute). L'assenza di questi due titolari fra di loro (Preston-JUST e Brisbane Lions-JUST), le possibilità dei bianconeri sono abbastanza notevoli.

Quindi la scelta di Rogers è stata praticamente inevitabile. Per di più l'assenza di Miranda ha costretto Margaritis ad avanzare Campbell nella posizione di regista del centrocampo. Il risultato è stato che la difesa così "rimangiata" ha avuto in Rogers il suo punto debole (e nessuno può farne colpa al coraggioso capitano) con i difensori centrali, Dowie e Dransky che spesso hanno dovuto coprire anche il settore sinistro sbandando l'intera difesa; fortunatamente il rientrante Geremia sulla destra ha svolto un massacrante ed intelligente lavoro da tapabuchi.

Il nervosismo che regnava in difesa ha fatto dei brutti scherzi al portiere Martin che, oltre a spingere in rete il pallone che metteva in vantaggio il Preston dopo solo 18 minuti di gioco, si è trovato in diverse situazioni imbarazzanti, anche se non estremamente pericolose. In avanti Zinni e Campbell hanno creato azioni su azioni e sono stati fortunati a non andare a rete direttamente, specialmente nel primo tempo, e a veder scupate le molte palle che hanno messo in zona di tiro per le punte Ward e Sweeney. Ma anche questi due hanno dato un apporto positivo alla partita, sfortunatamente per loro e per la Juventus la cattiva sorte ha negato il successo, specialmente ad una magnifica girata a volo di Ward che è andata a finire sull'interno del palo.

Considerando appunto che la Juventus giocava in formazione menomata, la sua condotta di gara è stata eccellente ed avrebbe meritato maggior fortuna stando al

valori espressi in campo. (Chiedi spiegazioni alla Juventus) L'anno scorso offerto una pur minima consolazione alla Juventus. La sconfitta del JUST e del Green Gully le hanno dato respiro nella lotta per la quinta posizione che è riuscita a conservare con due punti di vantaggio sulla squadra jugoslava, mentre la squadra maleduca può considerarsi tagliata fuori.

Oltre alla Juventus possono legittimamente aspirare al quinto posto il JUST (che deve ancora incontrare Adelaide City e Preston), il Preston (che deve ancora incontrare il West Adelaide e il Preston), la Juventus da parte sua deve ancora vedersela con il George Cross e con il Croatia. Dopo questo due partite rimane l'ultimo challenge round il cui accoppiamento verrà deciso in base alla classifica dopo le partite di domenica prossima. Stando alle previsioni la Juventus dovrebbe battere il George Cross (ed arrivare a 28 punti), il Brisbane Lions dovrebbe perdere con l'Hellas (e rimanere a 26 punti), il JUST dovrebbe battere l'Adelaide City (ed arrivare a 26 punti), il Preston dovrebbe battere il West Adelaide (e salire a 25 punti), gli accoppiamenti per l'ultima partita sarebbero perciò: Juventus-Croatia, Brisbane Lions-JUST, Preston-Green Gully.

Considerando che la Juventus ha due punti di vantaggio sulla sesta squadra e che tre delle candidate al quarto o quinto posto debbono incontrarsi fra di loro (Preston-JUST e Brisbane Lions-JUST), le possibilità dei bianconeri sono abbastanza notevoli.

Thumbs up for NZ's U.K. tour

A whistle-stop journey around Britain by New Zealand Football Association Commercial Director Bryan Cunningham has secured sufficient financial guarantees and signatures on contracts to assure that the All Whites' planned world tour will proceed.

After two games in Fiji, New Zealand plays the following matches on the British leg of its tour:

October 24 v. Newcastle United 29 v. Reading.
October 31 v. Glasgow Rangers.
November 4 v. Leicester City.
November 11 v. Portsmouth.
November 13 v. England "B" (at Nottingham).

The touring party will be chosen later this month and two Australian-based players, Clint Gelling and Richard Wilson, are contenders for inclusion.

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Bell Park's boys win championship

Bell Park Under-12s soccer team won the Western B division with a headed goal in the last minute against Mossfield making the score 3-3.

This league was one of the most keenly contested in Melbourne with three teams, West United, Mossfield and Bell Park in the running until nearly the end of the season.

At the start of this game Bell Park thought they had already won the league, but in fact they had to avoid defeat to do so, and Mossfield could have been champion had it won by six goals.

By half time, Mossfield had a lead of 3 goals to 1, so the second half was perhaps the most exciting 25 minutes of junior soccer seen in Geelong this year.

Scorers: Jamie Melrose (Mossfield) 2 minutes; Adrian Cervinski (Bell Park) 4 minutes; Stewart Craig (Mossfield) 16 minutes; Jamie Melrose (Mossfield) 19 minutes; Damian Bukobratovic (Bell Park) 29 minutes; Cedo Rakic (Bell Park) 50 minutes.



The Bell Park Under-12 team which won the Western B division of the Melbourne Junior Soccer League. From left to right, back row: Adam Potter, Andrew Harris, Michael Spadevski, Zlate Jovanovski, Peter Saravak, Cedo Rakic, Josh Derek Hayes. Middle row: Peter Dimovski, Paul Saravak, Ross Hay, Damian Bukobratovic. Front row: Adrian Cervinski, Danny Bassi, Daniel Hayes.

Merlion Cup squad

From page one

The senior players are goalkeeper Tony Franken (Canberra) who was the sensation of the national B squad during the international series this year; Frank Farina (Canberra) who played for Australia A in that series but has been injured since; Mike O'Shea (St. George) and Richard Miranda (Juventus), also of the B squad; stopper Ray Vlietstra (Wollongong) who played in the 1983 World Youth Championships, and left back Howard Tredinnick of Melita Eagles.

The youth squad members are: Chris Kalantzis (Sydney Olympic), John Panagis (West Adelaide Hellas), John Kane-soulis (South Melbourne Hellas), John Gregson (Melita Eagles), Alex Bundalo (Wollongong), Aki Kotzamilchalis (Springvale), Warren Spink, Sean Ingham, Andrew Bernal, Robert Hooker, Paul Jones (A.I.S.)

One more senior player is yet to be added.

Australia will be the inaugural Merlion Cup in 1982 and defended it successfully last year.

Its opponents this time are: Iraq, South Korea, Thailand, Singapore and representative selections from Argentina, Chile and Holland.

Jim Shoulder regards the Merlion Cup as an essential part of the long-term plan to prepare Australia for the Oceania qualifying rounds of the 1985 World Youth championships next February.

Australia will battle against New Zealand, Israel, Papua New Guinea, Fiji and Chinese Taipei, probably in Sydney, with the winner qualifying direct into the finals in Chile in October.

"We will be playing five matches in 14 days in hot conditions and everyone will be expecting us to win the Oceania section," said Shoulder.

"After the Merlion Cup, the full Youth team will go to Mexico next January for the Havelock Cup which will be the final test for the players."

Shoulder plans to assemble the Merlion Cup squad in Sydney for a last-minute training camp before flying to Singapore for the tournament which starts on October 14.

Beitzel defends Soccerpools

It's amazing what some people can do in juggling figures to suit their own particular line of argument.

The NSW Minister for Finance, Mr Debus, in a Sydney paper, grabbed the headline "Soccer Pools give worst return" when defending the payout on State lotteries and Lotto.

Mr Debus said the payout on conventional lotteries in NSW averaged 64 per cent, there was a 63 per cent payout on instant lotteries and 60 per cent on Lotto.

He was quoted as saying the worst return in NSW was on Soccer Pools at 37 per cent — a figure which was set ten years ago by the then Liberal Government at the introduction of Pools and which has tied subsequent governments ever since.

But there are a lot of figures the Minister did not get around to quoting about the Pools and about the overall benefit which has been given to sport in general from the people who have taken part in the Pools game.

Australian Soccerpools spokesman Harry Beitzel was quick to point out that the various Governments take a total of 25 per cent of the Pools money for government purposes — which is a fraction under one-third of the total income.

Agents claim another 10 per cent, 15 per cent goes on royalties, 37 per cent in prize money and 19 per cent on administration expenses and overhead.

And if you're in the mood for

By TED SIMMONS

statistics, let's examine the following figures of what has happened in financial return since the Pools began in Victoria in October 1974.

In the 10-year period the Pools have been operating a total of \$108,512,905 has gone into Government coffers throughout Australia. Of this total, NSW gained \$51,698,321, Queensland \$28,844,527, Victoria \$17,651,998, Tasmania \$3,273,801 and South Australia \$2,956,022.

We have had a total income of \$346 million in that decade and it is now developing into a hard fight to keep it up, said Beitzel.

Pools punters have decreased in recent years following the introduction of Lotto. Instant Lotteries and other legalised gambling in NSW and Tattslo in Victoria, and Lotto in Queensland.

In fact, Tattslo is running at a turnover of about \$500 million a year in Victoria, compared with less than \$1 million nationwide for the Pools.

The 32.5 per cent taken by the Governments is the highest figure paid in soft gambling to any Government in Australia, Beitzel said.

However, the Governments are quick to use the money. Some use it on sport — all sport — while some put it into consolidated revenue. On the average, governments allocate two thirds of the Pools money to sport.

"That is a pretty big contribution to general sport around Australia," said Beitzel.

"Therefore soccer supports many other sports, some in

opposition to it, throughout the year and in some cases doesn't even get anything back to help soccer.

But many of the Governments do give grants to soccer to assist in coaching clinics, school programs, administration and some facilities. In fact it has been reported that the new Brewholme Stand at the Sydney Cricket Ground was built with money from the Soccer Pools.

Australian Soccerpools is a private company and is faced with the multiple problems which plague private business in today's economic struggle. But a Government-run scheme can be met from Consolidated revenue if the public response is only lukewarm.

Beitzel said the Pools could immediately increase payouts to 50 per cent if they added the cost of the agent's commission separate to the ticket which is the practice adopted by the NSW Government.

As it is now, the agent commission is included in the price for Pools tickets and is paid by the head company.

In real terms, there is not that much difference in the payouts if we could adopt some of the practices used by the other organisations. Pools actually have been averaging 40 per cent payouts over the past couple of years," said Beitzel.

What would be even more interesting would be the breakdown of figures of the various State Governments of the percentage amount ploughed back into soccer in comparison with other sports.

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YUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

"PLAVI" SE ISPISALI IZ PE- TORKE

Cudnim slučajem okolnosti, iako je od zadnjih 4 prvenstvenih utakmica izgubio tri, JUST je jos uvek kandidat za petorku. Kako sada stoji stvari mozda ce za peto mesto morati da se bori u zadnjem kolu protiv Juventusa, koji mu bez dva boda.

Ne zabrinjavaju toliko JUST ovi porazi koliko slaba forma skoro celog tima. koji deluje umorno jer nema inspiracije. Kakva je to inspiracija za bilo koji tim kada primi gol bez veze u prvom minutu igre kao da su decma sa poljanca?

Eto tako su poceli "plavi" protiv lutog rivala Croatia. Nije cudo sto im zatim klicaju kolena ostalih 90 minuta. Cak i kad ne igra kao sto treba Croatia su sigurni bodovi protiv JUST a, kao da se na njima nije pravila. Prosla su stara dobra vremena kada je bilo obratno. Od cetiri susreta sa Croatiajima u ovoj godini samo jedan se završio nerešeno i to onda kada je Boland nadmasio sebe. Zato se prosle nedelje nije mogao prepoznati. Primio je jefin gol i demoralisao citav tim na samom početku igre. Kada je Joe Carroll izjednačio u 55. primio se svima da je prosla kriza, ali bila je to varljiva nada. Bez dobre sredine JUST ne moze daleko da dogura, narocito protiv stabilnih protivnika i kad su oni van forme kao sto je sada slučaj sa Croatiajima.

Do "liver ne pada daleko od klade" pokazala je igra mladog tima, koga je Croatia pregazila sa 3:0 i izbacila ga iz lige za prvo mesto, koje je nekoliko jputa imao u rukama. Ono sto je JUST prokockao na jednoj utakmici moćice da povrati na sledeće, ako ih sve dobije i u fudbalu je sve moguće, pa ne treba nikad položiti oružje do poslednje bitke.

Sledeći protivnik JUST a je Adelaide City na Schintler Reserve u Footscrayu. Da bi se produzila nada, neophodna je pobeda protiv tradicionalno neugodnog protivnika. Sudi Sam Zoumas, a pomocićci su mu L. Hemmes i J. Santa Isabel. U predigri se sastaju mladi timovi JUST a i Nunawading Citya.

PREPORODJENA MAKE- DONIJA

Za razliku od prosle godine, kada je posustala u raznim, Makedonija se ovo godine razigrala pred kraj prvenstva. Pobeda od 3:0 nad Juventusom postignuta je u sampionskom stilu posle odlike igre celog tima, a narocito srednjeg reda. Zaigrao je, istina svega 20 minuta, i Zarko Ozdakov, sto mnogo zna za ostatak utakmica, kada se bude resavala sudbina petog mesta na tabeli Nacionalne konferencije. Makedonija zaostaje tri boda, sto nije nepremostiva razlika ako se pobeđuje bez prestanka.

U nedelju 23. septembra Makedonija gostuje u Adelaideu u najboljem sastavu. Ovu utakmicu sudi lokalni sudija J. Rossis. Igra se na Hindmarsh Stadionu, a poetak je u 2.30 po podne po lokalnom vremenu.

ZASTALE UTAKMICE

Ringwood Utd./SRBija — North Geelong 3:2 (0:1). Gosti su radi prestiza zapeli da osvoje oba boda, ali je na kraju dobio bolji tim Ringwood/Srbija se sa ovom pobedom popela na samo mesto je osvojila ukupno 24 boda. Strelci: Ljuba Stojanovic 2 i Peter Vaughan iz jedanaesterca u zadnjem minutu ove uzbuđujuće utakmice. Najbolji igrači: William Ross, Rudi Dreessler i Alex Nelson.

IZNENADJENJA U METRO- POLITAN KUPU

Od tri nasa kluba, koja se ostala u osmini finala Metro kupa, očekivalo se da ce najbolje proci Altona Gate/Var-DAR. Na zalost, Var dar nas je najviše razočarao, jer je eliminisan na svom terenu od drugazrednog Mordialoca, koji je pobedio sa 1:0. Tako je pre vremena otisao na dugacki odmor.

Ugodno iznadenje napravili su ostali klubovi, koji su se plasirali u cetvrtfinale Metro kupa sa sledecim pobedama:

Springvale Utd. — Doncaster Rovers 3:2 (2:0). Strelci: Milan Stojilovic 2 i Cane Velislu 1. "Plavi" iz Springvale nisu dali pet para sto su gosti završili na petom mestu prve divizione, vec su preuzeli igru u svoje ruke od prvog minuta. Pobedu su obezbedili u prvom poluvremenu, ali su pred kraj popustili zbog umora i povreda.

Zreb jos nije objavljen za cervrtfinale, ali zna se da su "PLAVI" domacin Melbourne/Hugariji, koja je pobedila Altonu City sa 6:1, a prvenstvo prve divizione završila na visokom cetvrtom mestu. Kao sto smo ranije objavili "Plavi" iz Springvale su završili prvenstvo na drugom mestu cetvrt metropolitanske divizione i sledeće godine igraju u trecioj divizioni.

Lalor/SLOGA — Yarraville 2:0 (1:0). Strelci: Tom Tasevski i Dino Josevski. Sloga je glatko i ubedljivo izbacila iz daljeg takmicenja 20 Metro kup sampiona cetvrt divizione. Pobeda nije dolazila u pitanje ni jednog trenutka. Mogla je biti samo veca da je bilo vise sportske sreće. Pre odlaska na odmor igrači Sloga tri puta su pogodile stativie i preku, a zrelili sansi bilo je jos toliko. Sastav Lalor/Sloga: Momcilo Trajkovski, Nik Morohovich, Viktor Stojanovski (Toni Jolevski od 80. minuta), Boge kraljevski, Riste Niceski, George Josevski, Toni Georgijevski, Viktor Koulinis, Cohn Moulia, Tom Tasevski, Dino Josevski, Rezerve: Zoran Jakijevski i Riste Morihovitis.

U subotu 22. septembra Lalor/SLOGA igra u cetvrtfinalu Metro Kupa protiv Sunburya na Langama Park, Mitchells Lane.

PASCOE VALE TRAZI DRUGU KRUNU

Pascoe Vale/PELISTER — St. Kilda/Hakoah 4:1 (2:0). Strelci: Boris Cosic, Dusko Niceski i autogol. Igraci Pelistera jos se nisu otrezneli od prvog uspeha posle 18 godina, a vec sanjaju da osvoje i Provizionalni kup u istoj sezoni.

Sastav pelistera: Steve Maracato, George Karayandis, Nikola Lazarevski (Toni Staj-

topoulos), Zlatko Cvetanovski, Mirko Dzanovski (Peter Naimovski), Danny McLaughlin, Sam Valentino, Dusko Niceski, Boris Cosic, John Benalla.

U subotu 22. septembra u cetvrtfinalu Provizionalnog kupa Pelister igra protiv prodogodisnjeg pobednika Clarinde, koja je osvojila trecu mesto u prvoj provizionalnoj divizioni. Utakmica se igra na Grange Reserve, Osborne Ave., Clayton South My. 79 E.8.

Altona/VOJVODINA — Balarat 1:2 (1:1). Vojvodina je pocela vrlo dobro, ali je u 12. minutu zaradilab potrebe jedanaesterca, koji je doveo u vodjstvo goste. Nisu se dugodvalili, jer je Adam Miller izjednačio u 14. minutu. Posle toga igra se prenela u protivnicku polovinu, gde su sasse prosto plakale, trazeci di ih

Sastav Vojvodine: Stan Peska, George Korozic, Valjko Dupor, Jovan Cankovic (Dobre Dimovski od 75. minuta), Steve Vonja, Pavle Oravec, Aleks Micevski, Adam Miller, Paul Gallo, Slobodan Dimitrijevi Rezerve: Miki Krstin i John Sklenar.

Najbolji igrači: Steve Vonja, Slobodan Dimitrijevi i Stan Peska.

Tradicionalni turnir Altona/Vojvodine odrzace se 20/21 oktobra. Pozvano je 10 klubova, medju njima prodogodisnjim pobednik Dallas City.

REZERVNI KUP

Abbotsford — Central City/CRVENA ZVEZDA 1:2 u produzetku od 30 minuta. U regularnom vremenu utakmica se završila nerešeno 1:1 (1:1). Strelci: Nikola Radunovic i Mile Jovanovic. Najbolji igrači: Emil Petrov, Edi Krt i Zoran Roksandic.

U cetvrtfinalu 22. septembra Zvezda je gost Monash Univerziteta.

Brunswick — Carlton/MLADOST 0:1 (0:0). Strelac: Vlasav Pitra. Najbolji igrači: Dance Smurgevski, Kiril Kavcanski i Zdenko Jovic.

INDUSTRIJSKA LIGA

Altona/ILINDEN — Riverside 6:1 (3:0). Strelci: Cane Mencevski, Kole Mladenovski, Lazo Lazarevski po 2 gola. Igra se jos jedno kolo do kraja prvenstva i Ilindenu je dovoljan nerešen rezultat da osvoji prvo mesto u drugoj Industrijskoj divizioni.

U nedelju 23. septembra Ilinden je gost naseg kluba Whitelessa Beranici na Low-alde Drive Reserve, Epping, My 182 E.11. Utakmica počinje u 10 pre podne.

Oakleigh City (ex Tarax) — Apollo United 0:1.

Parker by two

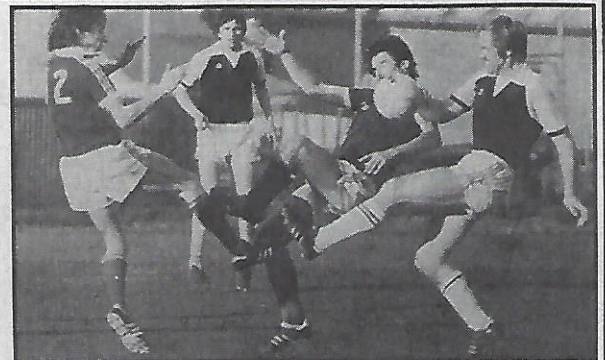
By
WALTER PLESS

It won't be long before NSL clubs are beating their way to Ian Parker's door yet again. The Caledonians striker scored four goals in a 7-4 win over Metro-Clearmont in the second last match of the Tasmanian league season.

Parker went into the game a goal behind Rapid's Billy Kirkpatrick, knowing that Kirkpatrick would be playing in the evening's second match of the double-header. Calies were 2-4 down early in the second half but a hat-trick by Parker saw his side end up just out of the 'top four'.

Parker scored 18 goals this season to equal his effort last year, when he was level with Olympia's Perry Forster.

Kirkpatrick scored an ex-



Ian Parker (centre) in the thick of the action... Parker scored four goals in his final league match to finish as the Tasmanian State League's top scorer with 18 goals.

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	16	2	3	52	22	34
Rapid	13	2	6	51	27	28
University	12	2	7	42	33	26
Olympia	9	5	7	42	33	23
Caledonians	10	2	9	53	50	22
Metro	4	8	9	33	40	16
Oratia	4	3	14	18	40	11
Phoenix	3	2	16	13	59	8

cellent goal in the evening's main match to give Rapid a 1-4 win over Olympia.

Rapid's Caledonians 7 (Parker 4, Murgath 2, Goldsmith 1), Metro-Clearmont 4 (J. McIntyre 3, Fene, Rapid 1 (Kirkpatrick), Olympia-WPL 0, Final City State League standings.

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18 — I. Parker (Caledonians)	
16 — W. Kirkpatrick (Rapid)	
12 — P. Sherman (Olympia-WPL)	
11 — P. Crowther (University), R. Leszczynski (University)	
10 — K. Morton (Juventus-Pioneer)	
9 — T. Barnagan (Caledonians)	

ΤΑ ΝΕΑ ΤΩΝ ΟΜΑΔΩΝ ΜΑΣ ΑΠΟ ΤΟ ΣΗΜΕΙΟ ΤΟΥ ΠΕΝΑΛΤΥ

ΜΕΤΑΛΛΑ ΜΕΡΑ ΓΙΑ ΤΟ ΚΩΦΑΝΤ

Τό Κόφφλντ στον επαγγελματικόν αγώνα που έδωσε με τόν Μόρνινγκτον νίκησε εθνολα 3-2 ενώ με λίγη προσοχή τών κυνηγών της έλληνικής ομάδας τόν σκόρ ά ά μπό ροβσε νά ήταν πολύ μεγαλύτερο.

Τά γκολ γιά τήν νικήτρια πέτυχαν οι Μπιτσόνης 15', Πατσόκος 20', Τοφάρης 50' καί τόν Μόρνινγκτον τόν ήρθε κέρδισε τόν πρωτάθλημα μέτωση στό 80' καί 88'.

Έπαιξαν οι Πέτρον, Ζακώδης, Τσιτσερίδης (75') Σαχινίδης) Τυρίκος, Κοβότος, Τοπαλίδης Μπιτσόνης, Τοφάρης, Σιδιρόπουλος, Πατσόκος Τζουβέλης (70' Παπαλαζάρου).

Μετά τόν αγώνα τόν Κόφφλντ πανηγύρισε τήν άνοδό του στήν Α' κατηγορία άφού τελείωσε στήν 2η θέση.

ΣΥΓΧΑΡΗΤΗΡΙΑ

Έ στήλη άπευθύνει θερμά συγχαρητήρια στό Δ.Σ. τόν Κόφφλντ, στούς παίκτες καί τόν προπονητή Τάκη Σβίττο γιά τήν άνοδό τόν συλλόγου στήν Α' κατηγορία.

ΗΤΤΑ ΚΑΙ ΝΙΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΚΛΙΦΤΟΝ ΧΙΛ

ΤΡΑΠΙΣΕΣ ΣΤΗΝ 3η ΘΕΣΗ ΤΗΣ Δ' ΤΟΥ ΜΕΤΡΟ

Σάββατο καί Κυριακή έπρεπε νά παίξει τόν Κλίφτον Χιλ.

Τό Σάββατο γιά τόν Κόπελλο καί τήν Κυριακή γιά τόν πρωτάθλημα.

Έτσι, τόν Σάββατο κόντρα στόν έκτός έβρας αγώνα με τόν Νόρτ Πάντεντονγκ τής Α' κατηγορίας τόν Μετρό, γιά τόν Κόπελλο έπαιξαν μόνο 4 παίκτες άπό τήν τακτική ομάδα άνι συμπλήρωσαν ό μικροί τής Β' ομάδας οι όποιοι άως άγνωστοί άναυμάσια.

Τό Νόρτ Πάντεντονγκ προηγήθηκε με 3-0 άλλά στή συνέχεια τόν Κλίφτον πέρασε στήν έπίθεση καί μέτωση με τόν Πετρόπολο.

Στό τελευταίο 20λέκτο έγινε πραγματική μάχη μπροστά στήν έστία τόν Πάντεντονγκ καί ό Κουταλάρας πόν ήταν καί ό καλύτερος παίκτης τόν Κλίφτον έκανε τόν 3-2 πόν ήταν καί τόν τελικό άποτέλεσμα.

Άς σημειωθεί ότι ό ρεφερέ ΒΛΥΝΚΥ έκανε σοβαρά σφάλματα εϊς βάρος τής ελληνικής ομάδας.

Έταν άδικο, έδωσε πολλά άντιθέτα φάουλ μοίρασε κάρτες στούς πιστιρικέδες τόν Κλίφτον, ενώ στούς παίκτες τούς ηγρομέ-



ΔΗΜΗΤΡΗΣ ΒΑΒΑΤΖΙΚΟΣ:

Τόν Κλίφτον Χιλ έχει πλέον παράδοση να βγάιει όσο ταλέντα όπό τής ομάδας τζούνιορ που διαθέτει. Έδη στήν τακτική ομάδα παίζουσ παίκτες που προήλθαν άπό τας τζούνιορς, όπως οι Κύργιος, Βλαχάκης, Καράλαμης, Λορέντζι, Μπελεγγρινό, Γκέλλης, Κουσιάρας, Φάκος, Παπαγεωργίου καί άλλοι.

Στα αγόρια τών «μεγάλων» λοιπόν ακολουθούν κι άλλοι μικροί, όπως καί ό Δημήτρης Βαβάτζικος, ό όποιος φοράει τήν φανέλλα τόν Κλίφτον γιά 3η χρονιά.

Φέτος αγωνίζεται στή θέση τόν όντερ φορ στούς 12άρηδες με επιτυχία καί είναι ό «τόπ σκόρερ», ενώ πέρσει σημείωσε 56 τέρματα!

Λίγα ακόμη χρόνια, λοιπόν, καί ό Τζίμης θα είναι καί στήν Α' ομάδα.

νους τόν Πάντεντονγκ πόν εϊ δύο περιπέσεις τόν έκαναν καί... παρατηρήσεις γιά τόν παίγνιό του, τούς άφησε άνευόλητους νά παίζουσ όπως έθελον.

Έκρμα γιαντί εϊχαμε διαφορετική γνώμη γιά τόν κ.ΒΛΥΝΚΥ (Βαθμολ 3) ό όποιος δέν παρέλειψε μετά τόν αγώνα νά διασκεδάσει στήν λέσχη τόν Νέάντεντονγκ.

Οί νεαροί παίκτες τόν Κλίφτον άξιζουσ συγχαρητήρια καί έχωρα ό Κουταλάρας, Κυριακούλάς, Παπαγεωργίου, Ξυθούλας καί Χαλάνης.

θετική ή παρουνία τόν Πετρόπουλου καί τόν Λορέντζι.

2 - 0 ΤΟ ΣΗΜΕΙΟ ΤΟΥ ΠΕΝΑΛΤΥ

Τήν Κυριακή τόν Κλίφτον έπαιξε τήν 3η θέση στό πρωτάθλημα τήν όποια καί κέρδισε με τόν σπαθί τόν στόν έκτός έβρας άγώνα του.

Έ ελληνική ομάδα ήταν κερφόμη καί στά 90' τής συνάντησης καί όίκνια ήλθε τόν 2-0.

Τά γκολ πέτυχαν οι 'Ανδριώτης στό 6' άπό κοντά καί μετά άπό σούτ τόν Φάνου.

Στό 20' ό σπεσιαλίστας στά φάουλ Πετρόπουλος έκανε τόν 2-0 πόν ήταν καί τελικό άποτέλεσμα τόν όποιο πανηγυρίστηκε άπό τούς άνθρώπους τόν Κλίφτον Χιλ γιαντί με τήν πρώτη τους παρουνία στό Μετρόπολιταν κατάλαβαν μία τιμητική θέση.

Άριστος ήταν ό ρεφερέ κ.ΜΑΤΙΝ L.SA-MUELS (Βαθμολ 10) ό όποιος βρέθηκε σέ όλες τας φάσεις άπό κοντά καί χειροκροτήθηκε άπό νικήτες καί ήττημένους.

Πιστεύουμε ότι μπορεί νά φτάσει σέ πολύ μεγαλύτερη κατηγορία.

Μέ τόν Κλίφτον έπαιξαν οι Χέργιος, Μυστρώτης, Λορέντζι, Καράλαμης, Ότοδλ, Πετρόπουλος, Γκέλλης, Μπελεγγρινό, Φάκος, 'Ανδριώτης, Στρατάκης (75' Κοντρέρα).

Στό 88' ό Βλαχάκης άντικατέστησε τόν Γκέλλη πόν τραυματίστηκε.

ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΕΙ ΓΙΑ ΤΗΝ ΣΥΝΕΡΓΑΣΙΑ

Άπό τήν Ικανοποιημένη είναι ό τεχνικός τόν Κλίφτον Χιλ με τόν Δ.Σ. τόν συλλόγου.

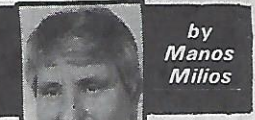
Έ συνεργασία καί ή συμπαράσταση ήταν άπόλυτη άπανάται καί τόν ευχαριστεί ό όλους τούς άνθρώπους τόν Δ.Σ. καί τόν φιλότιμο πρόεδρο κ.Κάσα Βαβάτζικου.

Έπίσης άλους τούς παίκτες οι όποιοι μέχρι καί τήν τελευταία μέρα τόν πρωτάθληματος ήταν άφογοι.

ΕΚΑΞΕ ΤΟ ΤΑΡΑΞ

Τό 'Ανδλ Σίτν έχασε 1-0 άπό τόν Ριβενσπαϊντ καί πόν δέν βλεπε τήν νικήτρια άφού έπρεπε νά νικήσει με μεγάλο σκόρ γιά νά έχει έλπίδες γιά προαγωγή.

Έ διαίτησα τόν κ.Δ.ΔΙΑΝΘΕΛΟ ήταν πολύ καλή Βαθμολ 9.



by
Manos Milios

ΕΠΙΤΥΧΙΕΣ ΤΗΣ ΚΑΡΤΙΝΤΑΣ

Γιά τόν Κόπελλο τόν Προβόλεια καί Κλαρίντα νίκησε τόν Ντάλλας 4-0 καί προχώρησε στόν επόμενο γύρο.

Τά γκολ πέτυχαν οι Γκουτασί, Φιλίππης, Μ.Καράλδους καί Α.Παχίζδης.

Γιά τόν Κόπελλο τών άνακληρωματικών ή Κλαρίντα άπέκλεισε τόν Κάρουμ με 3-0.

Τά τέρματα πέτυχαν οι Χαλίδης, Ξυθούλας καί ένα σημείωσαν οι άντίπαλοι εϊς βάρος τους.

Ο ΧΟΡΟΣ ΤΟΥ ΟΛΥΜΠΙΚ

Τό Σάββατο 'Ολμπικ θα δώσει τόν έτήσιο χορό τόν τόν Σάββατο 29 Σεπτεμβρίου.

Κατά τήν διάρκεια τής βραδιάς θα γίνει καί ή άνάδειξη τής Μίς Σάββατο 'Ολμπικ 1984.

ROTHMANS MEDAL

Έ βραβία γιά τόν νικήτή τόν ROTHMANS MEDAL 1984 άπό γίνει στις 5 'Οκτώβρη '84 στό ξενοδοχείο Σάουερν Κρός.

ΣΥΓΧΑΡΗΤΗΡΙΑ κ. G.WALLACE

Έ σαϊζόν τόν 1984 σχεδόν τελείωσε. Όμάδες (παίκτες - παρφόνοι) ά έκουρασά τόν γιά λίγο μετά άπό τόν Μαραθώνιο τόν πρωτάθληματος.

Ένας άνθρώπος όμως πόν δέν πρόκειται νά έκουρασεί γιαντί τόν περμένουν συνέχια όποιοι έχουν είναι ό γραμματέας τής 'Ομοσπονδίας (VSP) MR.G.F.WALLACE.

Είναι ό άνθρώπος πόν βρίσκει μέσα σέ όλα πόν δουλεύει περισσότερο άπό όσο πρέπει καί πόν έχει άφιέρωση τή ζωή τόν σπό πόδοφαιρο.

Όποιοι έχουν δέν υπάρχουν παρφόνο τόν σοφάρομα μας πόν νά άμφιόβητε τήν θετική δουλειά πόν προσφέρει ό συμπαής Τζόρτζ.

Άπό τήν σκοπία μας δέν έχουμε παρ νά τόν άπευθύνουμε θερμά συγχαρητήρια γιά τόν έργο του. Μπράβο του.

ΜΑΛΑΒΕΡΝ CITY

Τό ΜΑΛΑΒΕΡΝ Σίτν ευχαριστεί τόν κ.Μανώλη Ανοτάκη γιά τας φόρμες πόν δάρισε σέ όλες τας ομάδες τόν συλλόγου.



ALL THE BEST SOCCER THIS WEEKEND



AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE



Frank Farina
Canberra

CANBERRA ARROWS
v
HEIDELBERG
Hawker Oval 2 pm Saturday
Previous NSL results
Canberra 4 wins
Heidelberg 9 wins
2 draws

SYDNEY OLYMPIC
v
MELITA EAGLES
St George Stadium 3 pm Sunday
Previous NSL Results 1 draw



Terry Patellis
Sydney Olympic



Vic Bozanic
Leichhardt

PENRITH
v
LEIGHARDT
Cook Park 8 pm Friday
Previous NSL Results
Leichhardt 1 win

SYDNEY CITY
v
ST GEORGE
Sydney Athletic Field
3 pm Saturday
Previous NSL Results
Sydney City 10 wins
3 draws



Dave Ratcliffe
St George



Derek Todd
Newcastle

SYDNEY CROATIA
v
NEWCASTLE
King Tomislav Park
3 pm Sunday
No Previous NSL results

WOLLONGONG
v
BLACKTOWN
Wollongong Showgrounds
3 pm Sunday
Previous NSL Results
Wollongong 1 win
Blacktown 1 win 1 draw



Bob Mountford
Blacktown

NATIONAL CONFERENCE



David Lowe
Marconi

BRISBANE CITY
v
MARCONI
Spencer Park
3 pm Sunday
Previous NSL results
Marconi 7 wins
Brisbane City 3 wins
4 draws

FOOTCRAY
v
ADELAIDE CITY
Schintler Reserve 3 pm Sunday
Previous NSL results
Footscray 5 wins
Adelaide City 6 wins
4 draws



Zdravko Lujic
Footscray



Billy Rogers
Juventus

JUVENTUS
v
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS
Olympic Park No. 2
3 pm Sunday
Previous NSL results
Juventus 1 win
Sunshine George Cross 1 win

GREEN GULLY
v
MELBOURNE CROATIA
Gully Reserve 3 pm Sunday
Previous NSL Results
Melbourne Croatia 1 win



Dave Brogan
Melbourne Croatia



Con Kiakos
South Melbourne

SOUTH MELBOURNE
v
BRISBANE LIONS
Middle Park 3 pm Sunday
Previous NSL results
South Melbourne 7 wins
Brisbane Lions 4 wins
3 draws

WEST ADELAIDE
v
PRESTON
Hindmarsh Stadium
2.30 pm Sunday
Previous NSL results
Preston 3 wins
West Adelaide 2 wins 2 draws



Zoran Ilioski
Preston